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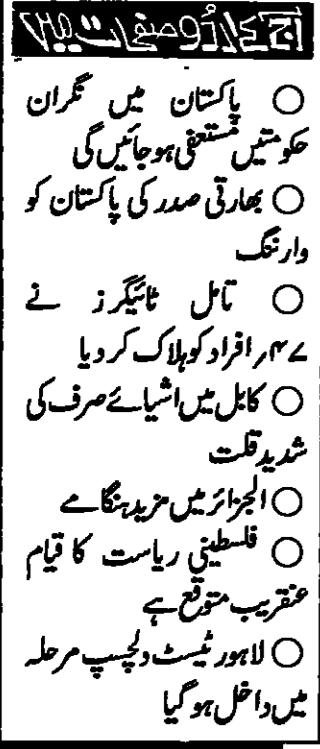
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TEMPERATURE will be around normal with light variable south-easterly wind.
Sea: slight to moderate.
High water: 12.20 pm
Low water: 6.30 am, 6.30 pm
Sunrise: 5.47 am
Sunset: 5.22 pm
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Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 39 per cent
Abu Dhabi: 47 per cent
Falak: 65 per cent
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 54 per cent
Abu Dhabi: 75 per cent
Falak: 80 per cent

Czech premier quits

PRAGUE, Oct 10. (Reuters): Czechoslovak Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal, regarded as a prime backer of economic reform within the country's conservative leadership, resigned today.

The official Ceteka news agency said that Communist Party leader Milos Jakes had recommended to the central committee that it should vote to accept Strougal's resignation from the post he has held since 1970.

Casualties reported as troops open fire at march Benjedid promises political reforms



A young Algerian wounded when soldiers opened fire to disperse the protest march in Algiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

ALGIERS, Oct 10. (Agencies): Algerian President Chadli Benjedid today promised wide-ranging political reform in an attempt to end nearly a week of riots. But he said in a nationwide television address that the economic austerity drive which sparked the trouble would continue and he pledged a firm line against what he called sabotage. "There will be political reforms in all fields ... there is a programme being prepared and it will be put to the people to decide on," he said.

Change

The President, speaking slowly and calmly for 25 minutes, said the reforms would be "total and comprehensive" and could even change the institutions and constitutional foundations of the Algerian state.

"They will deal with many of our economic and political problems ... we open the field for real nationalist forces to take part without exception," he added.

"I promise our nation we will respect their desire for political changes in their widest meaning," Benjedid said.

Benjedid told Algerians the country was going through dangerous times but maintained his government would take a firm line against what he called sabotage. He also said economic reform measures would continue.

Earlier, soldiers fired into a crowd of demonstrators in the old quarter of the riot-torn Algerian capital today, killing at least 10 people, witnesses said.

Dozens of demonstrators fell to the ground after soldiers opened fire in the Bab El Oued section of the Casbah, the capital's old quarter, witnesses said. Ambulances were at the scene of the shootings and witnesses said at least 10 people were killed.

"It was a peaceful march. They

opened fire without any warning. There are many, many dead," one local witness said.

He said the ranks of the marchers had been swelled by bands of discontented youths angry over a lack of basic foodstuffs and poor job prospects.

Residents said thousands of young demonstrators led by Muslim fundamentalists wearing long white robes surged out of crowded mosques at midday and planned to march to the headquarters of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) in central Algiers.

Thousands more simultaneously gathered in the low-income district of Belcourt in the east of the capital and moved off to join the march to First of May Square, flashpoint of many of the past week's worst disturbances.

Two fundamentalists, their robes bloodsoaked from bullet wounds, were seen by a Reuter

correspondent being carried out of ambulances at the Ali Ait Dir Hospital near the scene of the trouble.

Outside the hospital, hundreds of youths shouted slogans denouncing the FLN and said the Army had launched an unprovoked attack as the demonstrators were beginning to disperse.

Estimates

Before today's clashes, unofficial estimates of the death toll since rioting started last Tuesday have varied from 100 up to 200, but no official casualty figures have been released.

Many of the youths said they did not agree with all the Muslim demands but had gone to the demonstration because of their dislike of the current government.

Witnesses said several women joined today's march, the first

time they had been seen to play an active role in the unrest.

The witnesses said most of the casualties occurred after the demonstrators had been turned away from the First of May Square and were converging outside security police headquarters at the Place des Martyrs (Martyrs Square) at the entrance to the Bab El Oued slum.

A young girl said she saw at least two people killed. "This will go on. After what happened here today, there is no turning back."

She said government claims that saboteurs were behind the demonstration were false. "We students were against all the looting and burning, but it was the only way to be heard."

In Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today deplored the rioting in Algeria and said he hoped for a quick return to law and order.

Pakistani caretakers 'to quit before polls'

By Ashraf Shah

A HIGHLY-PLACED source, in a telephone interview from Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, has told Arab Times that the caretaker governments of all the four provinces will be asked to resign a fortnight before the general elections, scheduled for Nov 16, 1988.

The source said that the government was very keen on holding elections in a free and fair atmosphere and wanted to remain impartial, and for the first time in the history of Pakistan, has asked the judiciary to supervise the November polls.

President Ghulam Ishaq Khan had earlier refused to bow to the opposition's demand of dissolving the caretaker government. However, it is reported that to ensure that the election results are undisputed, he will ask all the four caretaker governments to quit at least two weeks prior to the polls.

Most of the major political parties have been demanding the dissolution of the caretaker governments established by the late President Zia-ul-Haq, after his dismissal of the government.

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He said the agreement was signed with goodwill on both sides. The Agriculture Ministry's Deputy Director-General for Export, Aryeh Zier, said he signed the accord, negotiated over the past nine months, with the three Palestinians who head agricultural co-operatives in the occupied territories.

Israel also issued permits today for direct grapefruit exports from Gaza to Europe, the first licences reflecting the newly-independent status of Palestinian growers.

For direct exports of fruits

Israel signs accord with Palestinians

TEL AVIV, Oct 10. (Reuters): Israel and Palestinian farmers signed an agreement today to allow direct exports of fruit and vegetables from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to the European Economic Community (EEC) for the first time.

Khaled Qutob, secretary of the Agricultural Co-operative Union in the West Bank and a signatory, said it was the first accord between Israel and Palestinian institutions.

"In principle we have direct and independent access. We are calling for the Europeans to make sure the Israelis put their

2 killed in Lebanon

RASHAYA, Lebanon, Oct 10. (Reuters): Two guerrillas were killed and an Israeli-backed militiaman wounded today when gunmen ambushed a militia patrol defusing an explosive device, a militia radio station said.

The South Lebanon Army (SLA) patrol fought the commandos for about half an hour with machineguns and rockets after the ambush near the South Lebanese town of Jezzine, the SLA-run Voice of the South radio station reported.

Jezzine is located outside Israel's self-declared security zone in South Lebanon.

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DAY BY DAY

ONCE again we are calling for the establishment of a "free trade zone" or at least the adoption of a re-export (transit) system prevalent in all other countries.

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Zahed Matar



Two masked Palestinian girls carrying stones ready to face the Israeli occupation forces, in the occupied West Bank. (KUNA photo)

INTERNATIONAL

33 killed in Yugoslav train crash

BELGRADE, Oct 10, (Reuter): At least 33 people were killed in a train crash in eastern Yugoslavia last night, the official news agency Tanjug said today.

It said the death toll was expected to climb as rescue teams had penetrated only part of an express train carriage which jumped the rails in the town of Lapovo, 100 km (60 miles) south of Belgrade.

The accident took place at 1820 GMT yesterday when three carriages of the train jumped the rails as it passed through Lapovo, Tanjug said.

Belgrade television said there were indications the accident may have been caused by someone pulling the emergency brake on the train.

Caused

But Tanjug quoted police as saying that initial assessments indicated the accident was not caused by a "human factor."

"Two (of the three) carriages jumped off onto a parallel track where a freight train was parked. They smashed into the freight train and turned over," a policeman in Lapovo told Reuters.

He said some passengers spilled out of the train. Rescue crews were trying to reach other travellers trapped inside.

Tanjug said at least 16 people had been sent to hospital, eight of them with serious injuries.

Yugoslav unrest leading to state of emergency, warns President

BELGRADE, Oct 10, (Reuter): President Raif Dizdarevic told Yugoslavia's 23 million people yesterday that current political unrest could lead to a state of emergency being imposed.

But as he spoke, in a radio and television address, protests continued around the country over economic hardship, ethnic differences and leadership failures.

Violence

In Niksic, in the Montenegrin region which borders Albania, thousands of students and workers, angry over low pay and police violence, demonstrated until early today outside local government headquarters demanding that regional leaders resign. Paramilitary police were on alert nearby.

A Reuter correspondent at the scene said many protesters were armed with pistols and some were drunk.

In Yugoslavia's biggest republic, Serbia, and in its two



Dizdarevic

autonomous provinces, the predominantly ethnic Albanian Kosovo to the south and Vojvodina to the north, tens of thousands staged other protests over Serb-Albanian conflict in Kosovo.

Dizdarevic, in the first such presidential address since President Josip Broz Tito died in 1980, said that the unrest could lead to a state of emergency.

Crisis

Yugoslav is hit by an economic crisis involving 217 per cent inflation and a \$21 billion debt. Worker unrest spilled onto the streets in the summer after Prime Minister Branko Mikulic imposed austerity measures.

A wave of Serbian nationalism protests followed as mass protest rallies were held against the alleged persecution of Slavs in Kosovo by the province's 1.7 million Albanians.

The two types of protest have merged into one broad attack on the ruling communist elite which is dominated by some 50 top politicians in the country's collective leadership organs.

On Saturday Prime Minister Branko Mikulic promised that austerity measures would be soft-

ened in the weeks ahead.

On Saturday paramilitary police went into action for the first time in years in Montenegro with tear gas and clubs to break up protests aimed at toppling the regional regime.

Yugoslav analysts said the police action could fuel a popular backlash against the regime.

Strike

In Niksic, students and workers staged their first joint protest, and student unions around the country voiced support.

On Sunday night hundreds of students in the Montenegrin seaside town Kotor joined a hunger strike by thousands of students in Titograd and Niksic.

Niksic protesters shouted: "We will return the beatings."

Dizdarevic appealed to Yugoslavs to bury their differences and pull together, saying nationalism and other forms of unrest were undermining the foundation of society.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nuns appeal

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J., Oct 10, (Reuter): Five nuns, barricaded in their convent in protest against the introduction of television and newspapers to their cloistered lives, have asked Mother Teresa of Calcutta to appeal to the Pope, according to the nuns' benefactor.

Betty Sutton of Piscataway, New Jersey, Benefactor to the rebel nuns, told Reuter she was "greatly encouraged" by a direct phone conversation on Friday with Mother Teresa in India.

Just society

METZ, France, Oct 10, (Reuter): Pope John Paul called for the creation of a more just, caring society today and said Christians must be on their guard to face the challenges of unemployment and loss of faith.

At a mass in the magnificent Gothic cathedral of this eastern French city, the Pope said: "In the face of the great modern challenges, the crisis in employment, a general crisis in society and threat of de-Christianisation, I want to reaffirm your hope. You must not lower your guard."

Vlasov relieved

MOSCOW, Oct 10, (Reuter): Alexander Vlasov, appointed last week prime minister of the largest Soviet republic, the Russian Federation, has been relieved of his duties as Soviet Interior Minister. Tass news agency said today.

Tass did not name a replacement for Vlasov and a spokesman for the agency said, "No one has yet been appointed."

Grenade kills 13

BOMBO, Uganda, Oct 10, (Reuter): A hand grenade thrown during a tribal dance killed 13 people and seriously injured 17 amid Uganda's Independence Day celebrations yesterday, police said today.

Witnesses said the victims were migrant members of the Nubian ethnic group who originate from the northern part of the country, near Sudan. Bombo, the village where the attack took place, is 20 miles (30 kms) north of Kampala.

Sands, 69, dies

GENEVA, Oct 10, (UPI): British magazine writer and author Frederick Sands died in the early hours today of leukemia. He was 69.

The announcement was made by his former actress wife Zina.

Born in 1919, Sands was a World War II correspondent at the age of 19.

He settled in Switzerland in 1946 as a staff reporter and then freelance contributor to fleet street newspapers, based in Zurich.

Shevardnadze in Paris for rapprochement

PARIS, Oct 10, (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrived in Paris today for a three-day visit which is expected to pave the way for a Franco-Soviet summit and set a new tone in relations.

Speaking on arrival at Paris's Orly airport, Shevardnadze confirmed that a summit between Socialist President Francois Mitterrand and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev would be on the agenda.

"We must make our co-operation more effective," said Shevardnadze, who is on his first official visit to France.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas confirmed earlier that the socialist government was seeking to turn a new page in relations with the Soviet bloc, often soured by French concern over alleged human rights abuses.

Review

"When I took office the President asked me to review our policies towards the Eastern Bloc," he said. "I have already been to Czechoslovakia and I shall visit other countries in the coming months."

But Dumas said he would not sacrifice France's long-term concern over human rights for the sake of hasty progress on international issues such as disarmament.

"I intend to bring up human rights with Mr Shevardnadze and we will have a full series of conversations on this topic," Dumas told a radio interviewer.

Shevardnadze is due to have talks with Mitterrand, re-elected in May for a new seven-year

term, as well as Dumas and Prime Minister Michel Rocard.

French press reports say Mitterrand, 71, may travel to Moscow for a Nov 23 space launch that will take Frenchman Jean-Luc Chretien into orbit aboard a Soviet rocket. But officials maintain that nothing has been confirmed.

Relations since Mitterrand came to power in 1981 have been dogged by human rights and Kremlin officials in recent years have expressed concern at what they see as rising anti-Sovietism in Paris.

On a trip to Moscow in 1986 Mitterrand shocked his hosts by raising at a Kremlin banquet the issue of Nobel prize winner and human rights activist Andrei Sakharov, then in internal exile but since allowed to return to Moscow.

Major topics under discussion in Paris are expected to include conventional disarmament in Europe and plans to hold an international conference in France on banning chemical weapons, as well as the Middle East crisis and efforts to bring peace to Kampuchea.

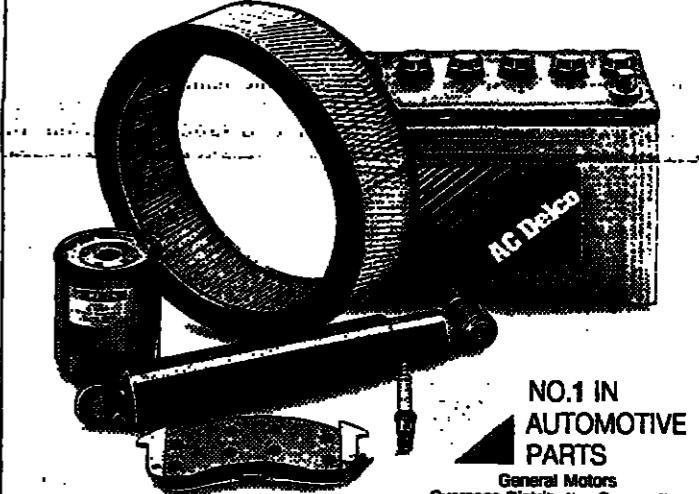
A new round of Kampuchean peace talks is due to open in Paris on Nov 5 in bid to end more than a decade of civil war and foreign invasion.

Tanker collision

SINGAPORE, Oct 10, (Reuter): Two tankers collided outside the busy port of Singapore before dawn today, spilling oil into the sea, the Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Burmese rulers seek multi-party elections

BANGKOK, Oct 10, (UPI): Internal unrest and international pressure are forcing Burma's military rulers to seek multi-party elections next month, a western diplomat said today.

The Rangoon-based diplomat said, however, there was little chance the elections would be fair.

He said the military government, which seized power Sept 18, had no support or credibility among the people after harshly suppressing anti-government demonstrations, leaving hundreds of people dead.

Earlier official Rangoon Radio said soldiers killed two people in the capital yesterday because they tried to flee when troops ordered them to halt.

The diplomat said the Army wanted elections to be held in November, but that the military-backed National Unity Party — Burma's only party — was saying it needed until February or March to prepare for the vote.

Democracy

"Realistically you cannot expect free democratic elections," he said, "but there had to be 'at least a pretence of democracy' for the polls to serve any purpose."

The diplomat said the military felt direct administration was diverting its attention from military matters, such as an upsurge in attacks by insurgent groups that have battered the government for over 30 years.

The military was also beginning to feel the pinch of a cutoff in foreign aid sparked by the harsh crackdown on protesters.

The government needs foreign currency for the purchase of military equipment and supplies as well as the equipment and spare parts needed to get industries damaged in the unrest going again.

Burma's largest aid donor, Japan, the diplomat said, believed its years of aid to the government had been "poured down a hole" and the United States was unlikely to provide spare parts for more than 20 helicopters and seven spray planes donated to Burma's anti-narcotics programme.

Tigers raid Sinhalese village**Tamils massacre 45**

COLOMBO, Oct 10, (Reuters): Suspected Tamil separatist guerrillas shot and hacked to death 45 people, including children, in a raid on Sinhalese village in northern Sri Lanka last night, police said.

They said four other people were seriously wounded in the attack at Mahakongaskade, about 19 km north of Madawachchiya in the north-central province.

About 25 men, suspected of belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, took part in the swoop on the village, a police official said.

The victims included 13 men, 14 women and 18 children.

Schools

The Tigers, the dominant Tamil group fighting to set up an independent state in part of Sri Lanka, opposes preparations for elections to a provincial council in the Tamil-dominated north and east.

The setting up of a semi-autonomous council to enable Tamils in the two regions to look after their affairs is a key element in a peace accord signed between Sri Lanka and India last year.

Two other Tamil militant groups submitted a list of election candidates last week despite threats of disruption by the Tigers.

An eight day-period set aside for nominations ends today.

A government statement said some schools "which are unable to prevent the breakdown of discipline among their pupils" would remain closed indefinitely.

It also said "unscrupulous and anti-democratic forces have been inciting and forcing school children into major acts of indiscipline."

Residents of several provincial towns said by telephone that shops were closed despite emergency laws invoked by the government in an effort to keep them open.

The state-run radio and television broadcast the regulations repeatedly.

The government says shops and hotels will be penalised if they do not open and bus owners will have their vehicles confiscated and licences cancelled if the buses do not run.

Prime Minister Ranasinghe

Premadasa, presidential candidate of the ruling United National Party for elections due in December, has vowed to renegotiate the India-Sri Lanka pact and send back the 52,000 Indian troops on the island if he is elected.

Treaty

Premadasa told the annual party convention on Sunday he hoped to negotiate a friendship treaty with India.

"If by the time I am elected President the Indian forces have not left, I shall ensure that they are withdrawn," he said, noting that a large number of Sinhalese as well as Tamils opposed the presence of Indian troops on the island.

Premadasa said he was opposed to the merger of the northern and eastern provinces and would give the people of the east an early opportunity to decide whether they wanted the link with the north.

Premadasa's main election rival, former Prime Minister Mrs Bandaranaike of the opposition Freedom Party, also says she will renegotiate the accord if she wins power.

Christchurch film

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Oct 10, (AP): One of the world's earliest feature films, a French production that was thought lost forever, has turned up intact in New Zealand, a news report said today.

New Zealand Press Association said a 1896 production by French film maker Georges Melies, rescued and restored by the New Zealand film archive, has been identified as the earliest of almost 100 missing Melies films.

Jonathan Dennis, director of the film archive, said the discovery of "Le Manoir du Diable" (The House of the Devil) was a major event in world film archaeology.

He said the archive's search for rare New Zealand films constantly turned up prints of foreign films that in many cases were the only surviving copies of these films.

Prints

"Last year, we sent back to the United States 39 crates of rare films, about 250,000 feet in all, representing films made there between 1898 and 1948, and most of it pre-1910. "All of this was film that did not exist elsewhere and was thought to have been lost forever," he said. "Melies was the first great master of the cinema. He demonstrated the art and potential of the cinema with some classic fantasies and cinema magic at a time when other film-makers were merely recording trains arriving at a station.

He said the print of "Le Manoir du Diable" was worn but intact and that a restored copy of the film was taken to Paris and shown to Madeleine Matthe-Melies, the film maker's grand-daughter. "She identified it and identified her grandfather in the film," Dennis said.

F-7 fighter

PARIS, Oct 10, (Reuters): France's state-owned Aero-engine maker SNECMA said today it had agreed to upgrade the jet engines of China's F-7 fighter aircraft.

Marcos' bid to return home fails

MANILA, Oct 10, (Reuters): A Philippine court today rejected a petition by deposed ruler Ferdinand Marcos to return home and answer corruption charges, saying the decision was up to President Corazon Aquino.

Anti-graft court justice Romeo Escareal issued the ruling a month before the court

begins a pre-trial hearing on allegations that Marcos received millions of dollars in kickbacks from Japanese companies during his 20-year rule.

Aquino has barred Marcos' return from exile in Hawaii, calling him a threat to national security.

He suggested Marcos could

challenge the ban by elevating his case to the Supreme Court.

The 71-year-old Marcos, who has lived in Hawaii since being ousted in a 1986 popular revolt, had asked Escareal to order the government to issue travel documents so he could defend himself personally in the Nov 7-9 hearings.

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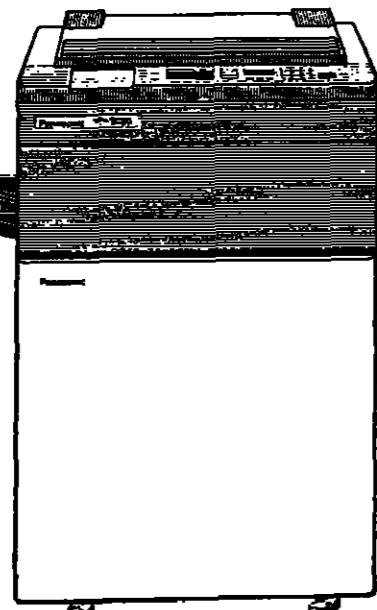
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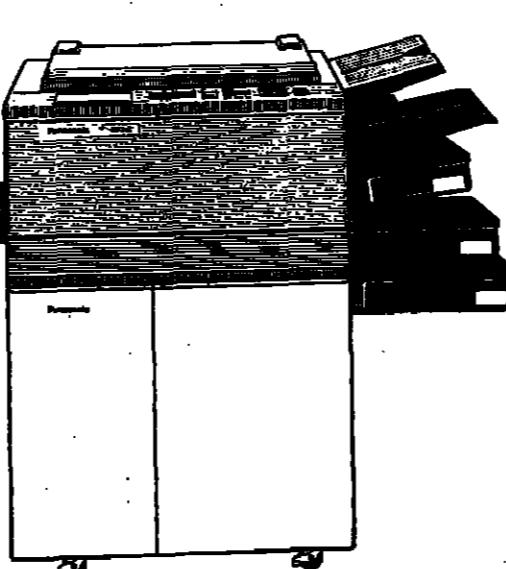
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UNICEF seeking Kuwait's support

By Jadranka Porter

THE United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking Kuwait's support for its programmes which map out projects for the coming decade.

The effort is spearheaded by UNICEF's Gulf area office headed by Sabah Allawi who is currently visiting Kuwait.

Allawi told the Arab Times that UNICEF would like to mobilise Kuwait's efforts in child welfare for programmes that would benefit children in Kuwait and in the rest of the Arab World.

A major objective of his visit is to take stock of Kuwait's achievements since 1979, the International Year of the Child.

Reviewing

Allawi and his team are also reviewing the results in child survival and development techniques introduced in 1980 to cut infant mortality, morbidity and disability in half in a decade.

The techniques include immunisation, the spreading of the use of oral rehydration therapy, promotion of breastfeeding and nutrition.

Guidance

Kuwait has made substantial progress in immunisation with 80 per cent of its children vaccinated against the killer diseases, tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, tetanus, diphtheria, measles and whooping cough, said UNICEF's Gulf Information Officer, Ahmed Moosa Rizk.

The diseases cause 3.5 million deaths per year in the world and

disable a similar number of children.

"We would like the Gulf states to keep up their efforts," said Rizk.

Expert said that sophisticated

hospitals, clinics and medical equipment are not enough to raise healthy children. They said UNICEF plays an important role in providing guidance and expertise and assists rich as well as poor countries.

Convention

Rizk said Kuwait should put more emphasis on breastfeeding and pay more attention to what rather than quantity to ensure proper nutrition.

The UNICEF experts are also forging plans for closer cooperation with the Gulf governments.

"UNICEF is working together with the Gulf governments on developing plans and setting the priorities for the coming decade according to national requirements," said Rizk.

The experts said they hope the Gulf states will live up to their commitment made last March to develop a plan of action for child welfare before the end of 1988.

Rizk said that UNICEF in co-

GCC studying investment projects

MANAMA, Oct 10, (GNA): The Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) secretariat is studying the prospects for joint investment projects among GCC states and ways to activate investments in these projects.

The director of the Industry, Electricity and Distilling Department of the GCC, Mohammed Al Rasheed, said that the GCC is studying 20 new areas of investment in joint ventures.

Register He made the comments during an interview with Commercial Life magazine which is issued by the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce.

The studies are expected to be

completed within two months. They are being made in co-operation with the Gulf Investment Establishment, the official added.

Al Rasheed pointed out that the GCC states are planning a unified system to register patents. The system will be studied by a technical committee before being submitted to the ministerial committee for approval.

The system is designed to meet the aims of the GCC with regard to supporting and encouraging the technological and scientific research including the development of the transfer of foreign technology, the director said.

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Egyptian experts to visit Kuwait

CAIRO, Oct 10, (KUNA): Egyptian teams of experts will visit Kuwait in the coming few days to help lay the groundwork for a number of development projects, Kuwait's State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said here today.

The Kuwaiti official told reporters this was decided during his talks with his Egyptian counterpart Atef Obeid earlier in the day.

The United Nations body is also seeking Kuwait's support for the International Convention on the Rights of the Child expected to be tabled for endorsement at the UN General Assembly meeting next year.

The convention seeks to assert children's rights during armed conflicts and their rights to education and survival. It also aims to protect them from child abuse, drug abuse and trafficking in children.

The convention will be discussed next month in Egypt at a meeting to be held jointly by UNICEF and Egypt's National Council for Mother and Child.

The UNICEF experts have also approached the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development with a proposal for joint funding of programmes in the Gulf area.



Al Rashed

Authority works to streamline ID card issuance

By Lima Al Khalefawi

THE Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) is working to make the issuance of new Civil ID Cards as quick and easy as possible, according to Faisal Al Shaiji, the head of the authority.

New Civil ID Cards will be issued on the expiry of the old ones, he said.

Applicants do not have to personally visit the authority to obtain the new cards.

The same documents as those provided for the old cards are required, but they can be submitted by mail. No additional documents or fingerprinting is required, Al Shaiji said. There will be no additional burdens on the public to receive the new cards, he added.

At the end of December, a new registration service by PACI mail service will be added. The service will include reg-

istration for newborn children and the registration of domestic servants.

Al Shaiji also said the long queues at different PACI centres, especially in Farwaniya, are because people who failed to register for the first time are hurrying to complete the required formalities before being subject to a fine.

PACI is receiving an average of 30,000 to 33,000 residence renewals by mail every month. The authority is working to speed up delivery of the cards, Al Shaiji said.

The Civil ID Card will be accepted at all government departments which provide services, such as driver's licence renewal and the issuance of health cards.

Once the new Civil ID Cards are issued, the authority and the Ministry of Interior will begin periodic checks. Those who do not have the cards will be fined, Al Shaiji said.

More information on the Civil ID Cards will be provided at a press conference in the second week of November, Al Shaiji said.

The Kuwaiti delegation, whose visit ends on Saturday, plans to head for West Berlin later Tuesday for similar talks with the city's officials.

The project is technically and economically feasible, but there are so many political snags, said a Western ambassador.

Iraq, already strapped for cash to pay back some \$60 billion in foreign debt, would find it extremely difficult to win financial backing for the project from even its closest Gulf Arab allies, the sources said.

Moreover, Iran would almost certainly view it as cause for another round of fighting and suspend UN-sponsored peace talks begun shortly after Aug 24.

Iraq has said the diversion would shut the Iranian ports of Abadan and Khorramshahr on the existing Shatt Al Arab.

For Iraq, clearing the Shatt Al Arab and sunken ships is the top priority in the UN talks, which adjourned last week with no new date set.

The assailant was arrested and investigations are under way.

The report added that this is the seventh incident involving knives in the Jahra area during the last two weeks.

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They added that if Iraq merely wanted to ensure free navigation in the Gulf there were easier options — such as expanding Umm Qasr, an existing Iraqi port further up the Khor Abdullah.

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EVENTS

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Space Adventures
10.15 Ibn Al Jabaal
11.15 Abu Saleh Yureed Hallan
12.15 Silver Spoons: serial starring Ricky Schroeder
1.00 News
1.05 World today via satellite
1.50 Variety show
2.30 Awrah Al Daliyah
3.35 Cartoons
4.15 Wakanan Asdikaa: play starring Zizi Al Badrawi - Khaled Zaki, Shair Rami and Ashraf Saif.
6.00 Cartoons
6.45 Summer '88
7.05 Wojouh Wa Ahdath: cultural programme
8.00 Religious programme: with Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Al Saqiyah Tadour: serial starring Abdullah Ghait, Mimi Jamal, Shukri Sarhan and Ahmed Khalil
10.40 Nughoum Al Madinah
11.40 News summary
11.45 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

4.00 Opening, with the Holy Quran
4.07 Cartoons
4.13 Cartoon serial - Dinosaurs
4.45 Live telecast of football match between Al Kuwait and Al Tadamon
6.35 Cartoon serial - Professor
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "A New World"

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsreel
30 New Music
0100 News Summary followed by
30 Short Story
45 4th and 11th Language Extra;
18th and 25th Turning Point
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Sports International
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 John Peel
0400 Newsdesk
30 The Spinners and Friends
45 Reflections (ex 25th New Ideas)
50 Financial News (ex 25th New Ideas contd)
55 (25th only) Book Choice
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 New Ideas (ex 25th Financial News)
40 Book Choice (ex 25th Reflections)
45 The World Today

0600 Newsdesk
30 Celluloid Rock
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 4th and 11th Language Extra;
18th and 25th Turning Point
45 Network UK
09 Reflections
15 Tech Talk
30 New Music
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 English Songsmiths
1000 News Summary followed by Discos
30 Sports International
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Just Plain Madness
30 Latin Americans (ex 25th Reaching the Rhine)
40 Calling the Falklands
1200 Radio Newsreel
15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 Recording of the Week
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 The Spinners and Friends
1500 Radio Newsreel
15 A Jolly Good Show

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Beheten Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Radio Club
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Jahan Numan
2100 Closedown



WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mou-chak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim 2627643; Dr Hyder 5625456; Heron 4893424.

Rock the Night

SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer 5740256/7.

KLT

OCT 31 - NOV 3: KLT's comedy, Two and Two Make Six, directed by Steve Prescott. Gala show with dinner at 8 pm on Oct 31. Subsequent shows at 8.15 pm on Nov 1/2/3. Tickets K.D. 3. For reservations ring 3983724 after 6.30 pm.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers

SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert: at Gulf English, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

IAC Musical Nite

OCT 13: IAC, Funaifees, Punjabi, Tamil and Malayalam film songs will be presented by local vocalists. For reservations phone 390-4817.

Beat Show

OCT 14: IAC, Funaifees, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands - City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks: choreography by Nasch and Qariba: break-dance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

Guitar Recital

OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

NIGHT CHEMIST

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Safat Square.
Al Sharq Al Jadeed Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nugra
Kuwait Pharmacy
Quotaiba St.
Salimiyah and Rumaiithya
Al Nahda Pharmacy
Baghdad St.
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Athad Pharmacy
Makkah St. Fahsheel
Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
Al Razi Pharmacy
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
Suq Al Jadeed.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4:28 am
Zehr	11:35
Asr	2:54 pm
Maghreb	5:22
Isha	6:39

CINEMA

Al Andals
Equaliser 2000
Starring: Richard Narconi, Coleen Wahl
Al Hamra
Surkhat Nadam (Arabic)
Starring: Yusra, Ezzat Al Alali, Hussein Sharbini

Drive-In
Ightial Madrasah (Arabic)
Al Firdous
Anjuman (Hindi)
Al Jeeb
Hoshiyar (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic Film
Al Salpiya
Closed

Fahsheel Open-Air
Khoon Ka Badla Khoon (Hindi)
Al Fahsheel
Le Divorce
Al Jabra
Nepale Meye
Granada
Sruhi
Sulabikhat
Florida Straights

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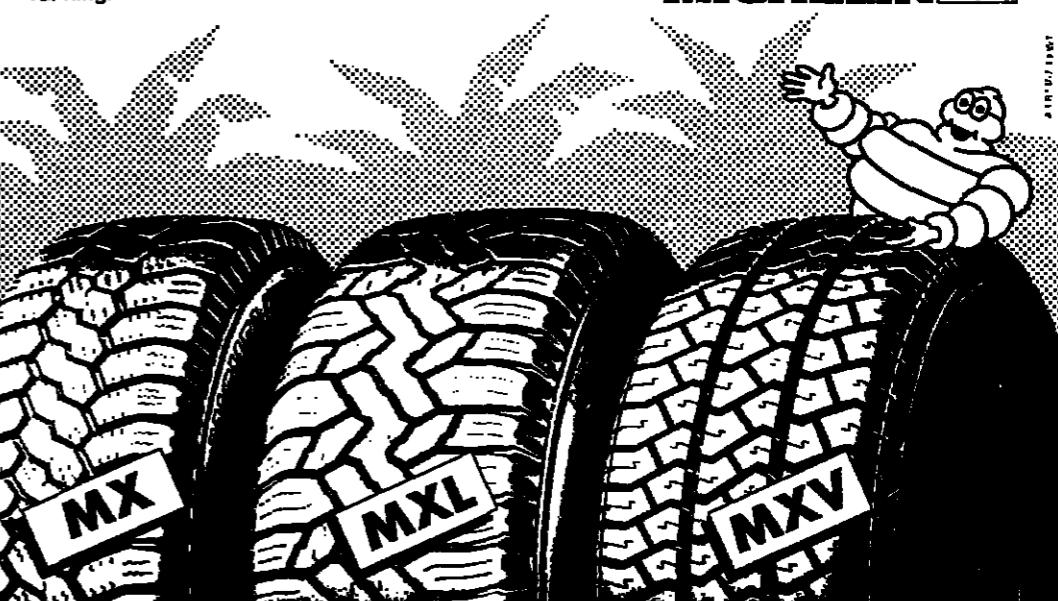
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Second Prize

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Presented by
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Thought for today

YES and no are the oldest and simplest words, but they require the most thought—Pythagoras, Greek philosopher—mathematician (about 582 BC—500 BC).

OPINION

Arabs want stable Algeria

AS Arabs, we really would like Algeria to become stable and see all disruptive factors disappear from this Arab state.

We want Algeria to be a country open to Arab political thinking, and to discard those concepts that will never feed the Algerian people but will continue to waste the time and energies of the Algerian political machine.

This political machine can play a vital role in the Arab Maghreb and an equally important role on an international level. This role should be in solidarity with the Arab world and Algeria should open its doors wider towards the Arab world.

It should be realised that the Arab world is the true sphere for Algeria. It should not be influenced by Latin America or the Socialist bloc or countries who are the cause of problems with most countries in the world.

President Chadli Benjedid's rule has so far been characterised by stability, although decision-making was a slightly long process. The latest incidents in Algeria must be viewed as a lesson that the Algerian regime will learn from.

No time should be lost in addressing the issues. Any delay will only give Algeria's enemies the opportunity to succeed.

We want to see Algeria develop good relations with Egypt and Morocco and with the Arab countries in the east very soon.

We speak candidly and openly simply because we like Algeria and hate to see anyone damage the country by threatening its stability and hampering the development of the country's natural resources, which after all are Arab resources.

The opponents of Algeria found their opportunity because of the slow decision making in Algeria about their Arab brothers. The opponents believed that Algeria is only committed to its borders and is not an Arab entity.

We want Algeria to refute this thinking and quickly open itself up to the Arab world. The Arab world will certainly be more mindful of the welfare of Algeria.

Algeria has the capability and resources to attract her Arab brothers to achieve more prosperity together and thus foil the plans of her enemies.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Israel's political parties running neck-and-neck

By Paul Taylor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): Israel's major political parties are running neck-and-neck after a first week of nightly television campaigning for a Nov 1 general election, opinion polls show.

Latest surveys published by polling firms working for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Movement and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' centre-left Labour Party show the two major blocs within a single seat of each other.

While some 10 per cent of voters are still undecided, the surveys suggest that Shamir and Peres, despite increasingly bitter attacks on each other, may be forced to form another left-right national unity coalition.

"At this stage another unity government seems the most likely outcome, perhaps with Likud a bit stronger and Labour a little weaker," a Shamir aide said.

Fears

The parties' TV advertisements, regarded by both Likud and Labour as vital to winning the election, are playing on Jewish voters' fears.

Likud broadcasts equate Peres and Labour with Palestinian unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, even showing Labour campaign manager Ezer Weizman wearing an Arab head-dress.

Labour's spots have focused on what the party calls the demographic time-bomb—the high birth-rate of Israel's Arab citizens and the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The Labour ads, described by Arabs as deeply offensive, are meant to highlight the case for withdrawing from most of the occupied territories and, in Peres' words, "preserving the Jewish majority in Israel."

Children

Against a background of menacing music, the films show Arab babies and a clip of a Palestinian saying: "We are 1.5 million here. Because of that we have to have more children."

The party that has used the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising most powerfully in its advertising is Tsiyya (Renaissance), with film of Arab youths stoning Jewish settlers cars.

One broadcast showed party leader Yuval Neeman, father of

Israel's nuclear and space programmes, walking through the Arab casbah (market) of occupied Hebron saying: "We will remain here because this is our land."

But while Palestinian life is considered fair game for election broadcasts, Israeli Army spokesman has been officially declared off-limits.

Supreme Court Justice Eliezer Goldberg, overseeing the election campaign, censored shots of a soldier beating an Arab from the small Centre Party's TV spot and ruled that no military action may be screened.

One key decision in the first week of the election campaign could help tip the balance in favour of Likud—the banning of anti-Arab rabbi Meir Kahane's extreme-right Kach Movement.

Kach, which according to opinion polls had been expected to win anything from three to six seats in the 120-member Knesset (parliament), was barred from running by the Central Election Committee under anti-racism statutes.

If the Supreme Court rejects Kach's appeal against the ruling, the party's votes seem likely to be spread among Likud and the smaller right-wing parties, making it easier for Shamir to form a rightist coalition.

Negotiate

On the left, the Citizen's Rights Movement, that says Israel should negotiate withdrawal from the occupied territories with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), if the PLO recognises Israel, appears to be gaining support.

Latest polls show the party may win five to eight seats, making it probably the third-largest group in parliament.

Israel's strict proportional representation system makes coalition government inevitable and usually gives small Jewish religious parties the balance of power.

In the 1970s, the religious parties swung to the right, supporting militant West Bank settlers and helping Likud to power for the first time in 1977.

Now a new religious party, Meimad, is trying to tip the balance the other way, attracting religious moderates as a potential coalition partner for Labour. Opinion polls show it could pick up one or two seats.

The Communist Party of Estonia can be regarded as one of the front-rankers of the recon-

Cold shower on a fantasy

By Maureen Johnson

LONDON, (AP): Cynics have long joked that Britain joined the European Economic Community not to advance European unity, but to make sure it never came about.

After Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's blunt dismissal last month of the ideal of a United States of Europe, some are saying the cynics were right.

But for all those denouncing Thatcher as insular and narrow-minded, others are welcoming her approach as a much-needed cold shower on a fantasy.

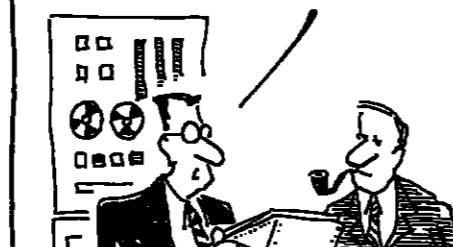
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The longstanding question of how committed Britain is to Europe boiled up anew on Sept 20 when Thatcher, delivering a major policy speech in the ancient Belgian town of Bruges, expressed fears of the Common Market becoming "a European superstate" imposing its will on the 12 member states.

"To try to suppress nationhood and concentrate power at the centre of a European conglomerate would be highly damaging," she said, adding:

"Europe will be stronger precisely because it has France as France, Spain as Spain, Britain

WE'VE STUDIED THE EFFECTS OF RECENT NATURAL CATASTROPHES



Thatcher scorns united Europe



Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain into one huge market of 322 million people.

The immediate focus of Thatcher's misgivings is the prospect that EEC rules might affect Britain's tax structure, and a remark by Jacques Delors, the French Socialist who heads the EEC's European Commission, that after 1992 some 80 per cent of European economic and social legislation would be handled from the EEC headquarters in Brussels.

Opposition

It was Conservative government that took Britain into the EEC in 1973 despite opposition from the socialist Labour Party and the trade unions that fund it.

Then, the unions feared the EEC as the flagship of multinational companies and unrestricted imports. Until 1983 the Labour Party was pledged to withdraw Britain.

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After Chile's plebiscite

Clamour for Pinochet's resignation

By Bernd Debusmann

SANTIAGO, (Reuter): General Augusto Pinochet's defeat in a plebiscite on his rule has prompted a resounding clamour for his early resignation and for reforms to break the power of the military in Chile.

Almost four million Chileans on Wednesday voted "No" to Pinochet's request for another eight years in power—and tens of thousands have already made clear that their interpretation of victory differs sharply from the view of the government.

There is enormous popular pressure for rapid change, said a South American diplomat. The vote has raised expectations which cannot be ignored. Chile today is like a kettle in which steam is rising fast.

Elections

Under Chile's 1980 constitution, written under the direction of Pinochet, he must arrange for free presidential and congressional elections to be held on Dec 14, 1989. Three months later, he must step down.

A senior Western envoy described the run-up to the elections as "a period of inherent instability, a difficult period for an authoritarian government used to getting its way."

Many whose votes helped defeat Pinochet by 54.6 per cent to 43 per cent refuse to contemplate another 17 months under the man they consider a tyrant, responsible for killing thousands of opponents and trampling human rights and civil liberties.

"The dictatorship has ended, democracy is here," chanted demonstrators at a huge opposition rally called to celebrate Pinochet's defeat. "Pinochet go, Pinochet go, Pinochet go, Pinochet go."

Demand

Leaders of the 16-party electoral alliance which won the poll, the first direct vote on Pinochet's 15-year rule, feel the outcome entitles them to demand changes to the constitution and a speedier transition to democracy.

Pinochet, in his first speech after his defeat, made clear he saw things differently and was in no mood for concessions.

"Neither ideology nor the constitutional timetable were at stake in the recent plebiscite," a stern-looking Pinochet declared.

"It was not (a) of changing the institutional order of the republic and no-one can feel he has a mandate from the people to

Delors got a hero's welcome at the British Trade Union Congress' annual conference this month.

"1992 is much more than the creation of an internal market," Delors told the TUC. "It is necessary to improve workers' living and working conditions."

The unions were delighted. "The only card game in town at the moment is a town called Brussels," enthused transport workers' leader Ron Todd.

"Now is the time for us to learn some new rules, some new languages."

Frighten

Labour Party foreign affairs spokesman George Foulkes said Thatcher had suddenly seen the future, and that "a social Europe looking after the interests of ordinary people... frightened her because she realised it would undermine the harshness of Thatcherism."

Delors, jibed London Sunday Times columnist Simon Jenkins, offered the unions a "rose-coloured path back to their former power: a paradise of Europe-wide restrictive practices... beyond the reach of any Thatcher."

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cher reformation."

British mass-circulation newspapers, always wary of the EEC, did not share the Labour leaders' enthusiasm.

"She is saying exactly what the people think," commented the 4-million circulation Sun. "They have no desire whatsoever to become politically involved with foreigners with whom they have nothing in common... European Union is a dead duck."

Trading

Some argue that Thatcher says openly what other leaders won't admit publicly: that the EEC is primarily a trading bloc, not a united political force.

It is almost a tradition in many of the European countries to pay lip-service to certain ideals and to have an understanding that practice is a very different matter," commented John Coleman, editor of the London-based 'New European.'

As for the public at large, callers to a radio talk show divided evenly between supporters and critics of the Bruges speech, while a national opinion poll for the Mail on Sunday, a pro-Thatcher weekly, showed a narrow, 47-43 majority believe Britain's role lay in increasing ties with Europe rather than the United States.

THE BANGLADESH FLOOD, THE ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT AND THE HURRICANE IN MEXICO



OUR ANALYSIS IDENTIFIES THE KEY TO SURVIVING THESE DISASTERS



IT'S BETTER NOT TO BE POOR



UN struggling to supply aid after string of disasters

By Andrew Gumbel

dead and 43 million homeless, it is the explosion in refugee numbers over the last decade that has put most pressure on the system.

In 1988 the WFP expects to help at least as many refugees as the 8.5 million it fed in 1987. Many of them are fleeing conflicts in the Horn of Africa, Mozambique, Afghanistan and Indochina.

"In Malawi, 600,000 refugees from Mozambique have sprung virtually from nowhere in a short period," the WFP's executive director James Ingram told Reuters in an interview.

It says food pledged by donors for the whole of 1988 has already run out as it struggles to feed a fast rising number of refugees in Africa and Asia as well as coping with floods in Sudan and Bangladesh.

One key decision in the first week of the election campaign could help tip the balance in favour of Likud—the banning of anti-Arab rabbi Meir Kahane's extreme-right Kach Movement.

WFP says this year's crisis has shown that the existing system of emergency food aid can no longer keep up with demand.

Although the headlines focus on natural disasters like recent monsoon floods in Bangladesh that left at least 2,600 people

outripped the amounts envisaged at that time and it relied heavily on extra voluntary contributions.

The WFP's 75 donors, largest of whom are the major Western industrial powers, did not respond equally to each disaster.

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Ingram said the inconsistent approach by donors forced the WFP to restrict shipments to a small range of foodstuffs which did not always fulfil dietary requirements, especially for long-term refugees.

Feed

"Seventy or 80 per cent of emergency food goes to feed refugees, so we don't have enough left over when you get a series of bad natural disasters, he said.

Apart from Bangladesh, the WFP had helped survivors of inter-tribal slaughter in Burundi, flood victims in northern Sudan and farmers all over Africa whose crops are being ravaged by desert locusts.

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By Anne Barrowclough

Sex, scruples and Ms Krantz

THE tiny, chic, Nancy Reagan clone in front of me twiddled the spoon in her teacup. "You see, the difference between Jackie Collins and me," she said, "is that Jackie writes street. My books are more literary. They are written with a sense of style, with care for the use of language."

The first book Judith Krantz wrote, five years ago, was *Scrapes* — about oversexed Beverly Hills habitués of a lavish fashion boutique. The sex scenes were torrid, blatant, shocking.

They were so shocking that Krantz was internationally lambasted for being a sex-crazed woman with lurid fantasies and a complete lack of morals. The sex scenes left nothing out. They were, well, street.

Five books later, Judith is promoting her latest sure-to-be blockbuster, *Till We Meet Again*.

This is basically the same sort of story as *Scrapes*, *Princess Daisy* and *Mistral's Daughter*, except that this time the three heroines romp around France and England, from the Thirties until today, and a lot of the action seems to happen around flying fields, because the heroines have actually learned to fly. (Eat your heart out, Ferrie.)

Literary? Stylish? Elegant? Try this for size: "There was a spirited directness in her playful brigand's eyes, a carefree jubilation in the way she was ready to attack any challenge, a moonbeam, insouciance in her eyes."

Oh sorry, you want sex. How about this?

"It was," she writes "so different to the touch from anything she had ever known, firm yet swollen, tender yet so muscular underneath."

She was writing about the feel of the hero's lips.

A few more adjectives than Collins, you will admit, but the content's about the same. It's just that all those adjectives mean that Krantz takes five (elegant) pages to write the seduction scene, while Collins deals with it in a few paragraphs.

Judith Krantz does not even look like the sort of women who would write about sex.

She looks like a Californian wife — elderly (60), unbearably

Judith Krantz, author of torrid best sellers *Scrapes*, *Princess Daisy* and *Mistral's Daughter*, is back with another sure-to-be blockbuster *Till We Meet Again*. Over the last five years Ms Krantz has felt bound to tone down her writing and even admits to being 'shocked' when she re-read *Scrapes*.

sweet, the sort of woman you would take home to meet mother and then leave them to talk about the proper way to make Yorkshire puddings.

At least Collins looks wild and raunchy, with her leopard-skin leotards and untameable hair.

"Everyone has sexual fantasies. Just because I wrote them didn't mean there was something wicked about me."

"I write about sex because sex is part of any human relationship. People want to know what happens after the romantic couple have finished dinner."

"You can't fob them off with three dots any more. I was at a very impressionable age when I

read *Gone with the Wind*. Rhett and Scarlett went upstairs and then suddenly it was morning and there was Scarlett smiling. I wanted to know why she was smiling. I wanted to know what had been going on up there."

"So I've kept the sex in my books. But I think that you can write about it without using the four-letter words that I used to use."

"You can still get insight into what's happening between these people when you write a little more elegantly."

But for all the romps in bedrooms and out of them, the Krantz books are basically conventional.

Her heroines might be strong, ambitious career women, but at heart they really just want to be romanced by strong, dominant men.

"Why not?" Judith springs to their defence immediately.

"I have a lot of strong women among my friends and none of them would dream of having a relationship with a wimp."

"Women still believe in fairy tales. I believe that at heart most women want the handsome knight to come and sweep her off in his white Porsche."

On the bedside table in Judith's savvy room was the biography of George Bernard Shaw.

Her favourite writers are Margaret Drabble, Doris Lessing and French writer Colette. She never reads Collins; she prefers to read books that give her an intelligent insight into people.

"I could never be a Margaret Drabble. I can only write the way I write. When I started writing *Scrapes*, I didn't know how I would write it."

"I only started writing it to get my husband (film producer Steven Krantz) off my back, because he had spent so many years nagging me to write a novel."

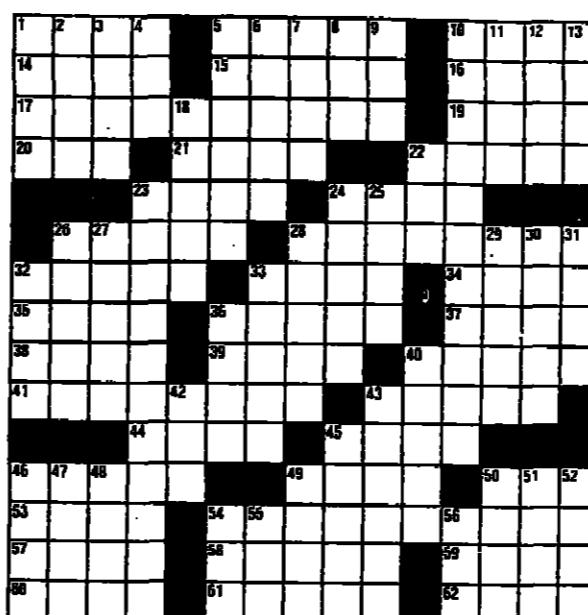
"I was so shocked that I could actually write that I didn't care whether it was a literary work of art or not."

Scrapes was an instant blockbuster, and her next book, *Princess Daisy*, got the highest advance on royalties ever paid to an author for paperback and hardcover rights — £2 million.

"I'm just a writer of commercial fiction at its very best. Well anyway, that's my opinion, and I'm entitled to it."

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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- 5 Waldorf, e.g.
- 10 Legal tender
- 14 Love, in Madrid
- 15 Musical composition
- 16 Bone: Comb. form
- 17 Vanderbilt's team
- 19 Bring up
- 20 Compass pt.
- 21 Weathercock
- 22 Entrap
- 23 Walking stick
- 24 Oriental
- 26 Pastries
- 28 Laws
- 32 An Osmond
- 33 Short horn blast
- 34 Dispatched
- 35 Turkish flag
- 36 Salon
- 37 Actresses
- 38 Town in SW
- 39 Greek god
- 40 North Sea
- 41 Words that are opposites
- 43 Less adorned
- 44 Monster's lake
- 45 Captain's records
- 46 Flower of society
- 49 Crave
- 50 Exist
- 53 Actress
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- 18 Egg-shaped
- 22 Posed
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- 24 Tiny mites
- 25 Wielder of tennis
- 26 Falcon's defense
- 27 Common contraction
- 28 Tender spots
- 29 Kid
- 30 Come in!
- 31 Old or young ending
- 32 Nursery word
- 33 "— of Endearment"
- 36 Recompenses
- 40 Bet
- 42 Formerly called
- 43 Students' howlers
- 45 Existed
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- 49 Entreaty
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- 55 Shoulder: Comb. form
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

- ♦ A 6
- ♦ 9 5 2
- ♦ K 8 3
- ♦ 7 6 4 2

WEST

- ♦ 9 4 3
- ♦ 8 7 5 2
- ♦ 3
- ♦ Q J 8 6

EAST

- ♦ Q J 6 2
- ♦ 9 7 4
- ♦ K Q J 10 5

SOUTH

- ♦ K J 10
- ♦ A 10 7 4
- ♦ A 10 5
- ♦ A 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

In football, a "safety" costs you two points. In bridge, it can gain you hundreds. The safety play in this situation is overlooked by many players.

In only modern methods, where North-South are using a forcing no trump response in conjunction with five-card majors, would we give the nod to North's raise to two hearts.

Or any other approach there is no reason on earth why North, with a balanced hand and major tenace, should raise with three low trumps, whether his side plays four or five-card majors. However, it did propel North-South to the superior contract of four hearts.

After the lead of the king of clubs, declarer had a sure loser in

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Smug optimism of the 50s was unfounded

Malaria: still a medical puzzle

By Jean Chabrier

MALARIA, that serious parasitical disease which has been known for centuries, is extremely widespread in tropical and sub-tropical countries. It concerns a billion individuals.

In the 16th century, the Spanish conquistadores who went to conquer the South American continent and Central America paid a heavy tribute to what was then called the "fevers". Some of them noticed that Indians treated this disease by taking quinine. They brought some back to Europe, and this "Jesuit's bark" was, for a long time, the only known febrifuge, used in conjunction with willow bark. Chroniclers relate that, in 1682, the French Dauphin was thus cured of a fever which had been termed "pernicious".

It was not until 1822 that two Frenchmen, Pelletier and Caventou managed to make quinine sulphate which is far more effective than quiniquine bark, of which it is the active ingredient. From then on it was widely used in all infectious pathologies.

In 1831, Laveran identified Plasmodium, the parasite responsible for what became known as malaria, in the blood of patients who had what was

Despite big scientific and financial efforts, there is still no drug or vaccine likely to cure malaria.

then called marsh fever, quartan fever or tertian fever.

There are several forms of malaria, each of which gives the temperature curve a particular appearance: whence the different names for the same disease. But the common and constant symptom is a high temperature and the use of quinine proved to be highly effective.

It took years of research to discover that the parasite was carried by a mosquito of the genus *Anopheles* whose bite inoculated the disease.

While it has been noted that plasmodium can easily withstand intense cold and live in the mosses and lichen of the Far North, most of them nevertheless prefer not humid climates, and so do mosquitoes.

It is necessary to treat all the stagnant water all over the globe in which mosquitoes thrive. In the 50s, it was thought that a solution had been found in spraying whole areas with DDT. Unfortunately, it resulted in upsetting the ecological balance of nature. Moreover, its repercussions led to a certain number of incidents on man

(particularly in Sweden). The carriers of the disease, that is to say mosquitoes, are perfectly adapted to DDT. Also certain big engineering or building works such as the Aswan Dam in Egypt have greatly contributed to their proliferation.

As it is practically impossible to get rid of malaria once it has been caught and as the short or long term consequences are redoubtable, there is only preventive medication. Despite the big scientific and financial effort made, at present there is absolutely no drug or vaccine not always perfectly harmless.

The same applies to another product, Fansidar, but these are the only two drugs able to replace Nivaquine in cases of resistance. It should, moreover, be emphasized that the relatively benign attacks of malaria caused by "oval" and "vivax" plasmodium, which used to account for 90 per cent of cases, are increasingly giving way to much more serious forms, due to "falciparum" plasmodium, in up to 50 per cent of cases. And Nivaquine is no longer able to control the latter constantly.

At the present time, any trip to or stay in a malaria-infested



Stagnant water: a source of malaria. Spraying of DDT has unfortunately resulted in upsetting the ecological balance of nature

area implies the following precautions: Nivaquine should be taken from the day before departure and the daily dose should be maintained throughout the whole length of the stay and until the 20th day after return. This schedule is generally adequate for most countries in Africa and Central and South America. If, despite these precautions, a fever appears, it must be considered as an attack of malaria until further information, and

treated as such by Flavoquine or Fansidar: a single dose spread out throughout the day. There are, however, some areas (South-East Asia, Thailand ...) in which Nivaquine no longer has any effect. Since 1972, there has been a product, Mefloquine (Lariam) which is perfectly effective, but, as, at the same time, the resistance of the parasite to certain classical products and the development of "Falciparum" had been

noted, it had been kept as a reserve, to make sure it was not being used excessively. This is a wise precaution, as it is enough to take some once a week. The rates are getting better all the time. In areas like child leukaemia — once always fatal — it is now commonly curable.

But what is changing most is the attitude to cancer. Instead of speaking about it in privacy, advert blare out the unvarnished truth, urging us to think about cancer, or to consider the lives of ordinary people, particularly women and mothers who live in a sense of acceptance with their cancer.

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Changing attitudes towards cancer

By Mary Kenny

TEN years ago, the word "cancer" was mentioned in hushed tones, if it was ever mentioned at all.

We spoke of "tumours" — which might be benign or malignant — and the medical profession dealt in "oncology". John Wayne was thought witty — he was, too — when he referred to a brush he had with "The Big C".

Understandably, a person who had contracted cancer thought of it as a death sentence because it was — and still is — a perilously feared disease.

Yet people survive and live with it: Wayne himself survived for 14 years after his initial Big C encounter. And the survival rates are getting better all the time. In areas like child leukaemia — once always fatal — it is now commonly curable.

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Trend

The growing trend to be more open about cancer was endorsed recently by Edwin Currie, the campaigning Junior Health Minister, who told a conference of cancer nurses in London that "people who have had cancer should tell others about it".

Sufferers should be encouraged to talk about it to friends, family and the media. To talk openly about cancer helps to remove the taboo, and by extension, helps individuals to come forward for early diagnosis. It is the fear of cancer that so often holds people back, and the fear can be overcome with the right attitude.

It is a dramatic social change of attitude that we are witnessing, and yet it is not always easy to cope with. If a friend says: "Oh, by the way, I'm having treatment for cancer," how do you react? Of course you commiserate, but it is still hard to know how far to take the new candour.

One cancer victim, Gillian Macrae, recently wrote that she had a great need to talk about her cancer and she was deeply, deeply hurt when Christmas cards arrived from people who I knew had heard of my illness and yet had made no comment.

But how are people supposed to know that they are expected to comment, on a Christmas card, on a friend's cancer? There is no codified etiquette whatsoever for dealing with experiences of cancer. After all, perhaps some cancer victims just want to forget about their illness and do not want it commented upon all the time.

A close member of my family died after a long struggle with cancer. He had mentioned the word only once, when he was feeling cheerful after they very first operation. It was entirely clear that he did not want to have protracted discussions about his health and became vexed by well-meaning enquiries as to how he felt.

Experience

Whether people want to talk openly about their experience of cancer — and whether they want friends to express open concern — must in the end be a question of personal choice.

Having cancer changes the balance of friendships in some subtle way, too: It is difficult to engage in a stormy argument with a friend who has had the illness. Please be nice to me — I've had cancer" is how some cancer victims feel, and it seems bullying to be less than compliant to someone who has been through this shock and pain.

New insights into causes of infection

By Rob Steppen

KEEPING our lungs free from infection is a constant battle between the body's defences and the tricks bacteria have evolved to sabotage them.

Research is beginning to reveal exactly how bacteria colonise our respiratory tract, and how the body's response may itself have damaging effects.

These new insights help explain why some of us are liable to repeated or persistent infections while others are not, and suggest new approaches to treatment.

Micro-organisms (bacteria and viruses) are potentially present in every breath we take. Many are found in our nose and throat, which form the upper respiratory tract. But the body has an effective mechanism that normally keeps them out of our lungs.

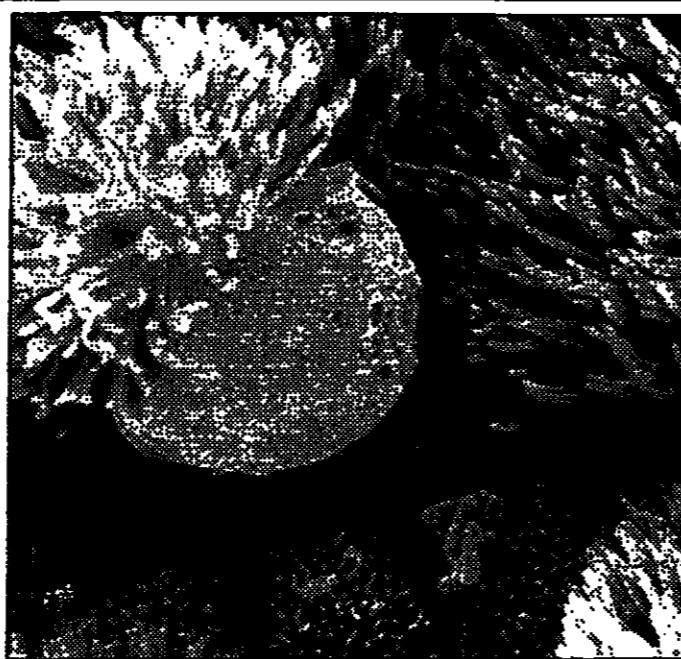
Lining the larger air passages (bronchial tubes) are cells with mobile, hair-like projections, called cilia. Lying on top of the cilia is a thin layer of mucus.

Inhaled particles, including bacteria, land on the mucus and stick there. They are then swept back up the respiratory tract as the mucus layer is moved along by the co-ordinated beating of the cilia below. Under a microscope, their concerted sweeping action has the appearance of wind passing over a cornfield.

Health

Unfortunately for our respiratory good health, bacteria have evolved ways of overcoming the "mucociliary escalator." Work from the Host Defence Unit (part of the Cardiothoracic Institute, in London's Brompton Hospital) has now demonstrated that several bacterial species produce toxins that slow and disorganise the beating of cilia, effectively knocking out the lung's first-line defence.

"Normally, organisms



Electron microscope magnified image of bacteria.

opportunity.

One is inactivation of the cilia that normally sweep the air passages clean. We have long known that viral illness increases the likelihood of subsequent infection by bacteria. Part of the explanation is that viruses strip the air passages of their ciliary lining. Smoking too destroys cilia.

Although the cilia are normal, an inherited defect in cystic fibrosis sufferers means that their lung secretions are excessively sticky, leading to reduced mucus clearance. There is now also evidence that other patients with repeated respiratory infections have too much mucus.

Work from the United States (and, more recently, from Dr Paul Richardson's lab at St George's Hospital, Tooting) has demonstrated that bacteria produce compounds that stimulate mucus production. This is presumably part of their strategy for clogging up the lungs.

Any area of lung damage, such as can be caused by childhood whooping cough, also provides bacteria with a potential niche which they can colonise later in life.

By Jane Sutton

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, (UPI): One of the funniest scenes in the movie Broadcast News shows Albert Brooks as a nervous television reporter anchoring his first network newscast.

Sweat runs off him in exaggerated rivers, drenching his shirt, streaming down his face and forming puddles under his arms.

But sweat is no laughing matter to those who suffer from hyperhidrosis, a relatively uncommon disorder marked by excessive sweating.

"The sweat literally runs off them. They're dripping in sweat," said Dr Donald Dohn, a Cleveland Clinic neurologist who has studied and treated the disorder extensively.

It primarily affects the palms and the feet, and sometimes the underarms. The cause is unknown and there is no reliable estimate how many people may be affected.

Although sweating usually helps regulate body temperature, there is no relationship between hyperhidrosis and temperature or even stress, Dohn said.

"It's true, under stress you do sweat. But these people sweat under conditions that have nothing to do with tension," Dohn said.

Hyperhidrosis is more of a nuisance than a serious disease. The constant moisture can cause dermatitis and other skin rashes, but mostly it causes profound embarrassment.

"There is a real stigma attached to this. Nobody likes to shake a wet, soggy hand," Dohn said.

"It's embarrassing and it's uncomfortable," said Michelle Willix, a 19-year-old Fort Lauderdale woman with hyperhidrosis. "When you go on a date or you have to shake hands, you've got this drench. When you try to write, the pen.

Excessive sweat — no laughing matter

won't write on the paper because it's wet.

In order to take class notes, Willix, a pre-med student at the University of Florida, put an extra sheet of paper over the one she writes to blot the moisture. She wears a thick cotton glove under her softball glove.

"It's been like this all my life. All my friends make fun of it. I can bring it on by thinking about it, but I can't make it stop," Willix said.

Hyperhidrosis often occurs among siblings, though there is no predictable hereditary pattern, Dohn said. It has been documented in all age groups, even babies.

Help

Medications can temporarily reduce the sweating, but they produce unpleasant side effects such as dry mouth, drowsiness and blurred vision.

The only successful treatment to date is a surgical procedure called ganglionectomy, in which the spiraling clump of nerves that transmit information to the sweat glands is removed.

The ganglia are part of the sympathetic nervous system, the chain of nerves near the upper spinal column that mediate involuntary functions such as heart rate, blood pressure, pupil dilation and sweating.

There are two of these large sympathetic nerve chains, one on either side of the spinal cord and running parallel to it. Each chain is made of several ganglia, each corresponding to a particular part of the body. One on the left side controls sweating in the left palm, and one on the right controls the right palm.

The ganglia act as a way station to

Eating binges linked to hormone

BOSTON: People who have bulimia — uncontrolled eating binges — may not produce enough of a hormone that makes them feel full, a new US study said recently.

Two University of California researchers said tests on bulimics showed they produced only half as much of the hormone cholecystokinin after a meal as normal people. Cholecystokinin makes people feel full.

Doctors Thomas Geraciotti and Rodger Liddle, reporting their findings in the latest edition of the New England Journal of Medicine, said the results may explain why bulimics' bodies don't know when to stop eating.

Up to 20 per cent of young women are believed to suffer from bulimia. The condition is much rarer in men.

The researchers also tested the effectiveness of anti-depressant drugs on five bulimics.

In each case, they said, the amount of cholecystokinin released after a meal increased to near-normal levels and the five were better able to control their eating. Two stopped their eating binges and lost their pre-occupation with food.

However, the doctors said the drug tests were not conclusive because the five people studied knew they were receiving drug treatments, so the improvement might have been purely psychological.

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US elections to bring new top economic advisors

NEW YORK, Oct 10, (AP): Two rising young economists, Michael J. Boskin and Lawrence H. Summers, have emerged as leading advisers to the American presidential contenders, and one of them is likely to be a top formulator of US economic policy after the presidential elections in November.

Boskin, 42, is by all accounts ready to follow Republican George Bush to the White House in January to collect the reward due a highly regarded, staunchly loyal Republican economist.

Summers, 33, has emerged as one of the top outside advisers to Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis in his bid for the presidency.

When Ronald Reagan was preparing to debate Jimmy Carter in 1980, Boskin, a Stanford University economist, had a background role as a practice questioner.

Influential

The influential chairmanship of the President's Council of Economic Advisers may await Bush.

"Michael is right there at the top" of the hierarchy of cam-

paign advisers, said Mark Goodin, Bush's deputy press secretary.

Boskin's most notable contribution to the campaign is a proposal he helped to shape for dealing with the federal budget deficit. The so-called flexible freeze would hold federal spending, except for social security benefits, to the levels of the 1989 budget plus inflation.

The political beauty of the plan is that it doesn't commit Bush to any specific budget cuts.

Individual programmes would not have to be frozen, but additional spending in any category would have to be balanced by reductions in other programmes.

Files

This summer Boskin was quoted widely as saying it could eliminate the \$150 billion budget deficit, which he sees as the nation's most pressing economic problem, in four years. But he contended in a recent interview only that it would achieve the task "over the next few years."

"It will depend partly on how the economy does," he said.

As part of his growing cam-

The victory of Michael Dukakis or George Bush in the US elections in November will bring a new team of economic advisors to power in Washington. In this report, AP writer Stefan Fatsis and AP business writer Dave Carpenter look at the economic advisors to the two presidential candidates who could have the important influence on future US policy.

paign duties, Boskin now flies around the country briefing reporters and audiences on the vice-president's proposals. He also prepares position papers and reviews the proposals of other economists.

A native of New York, Boskin studied economics at the University of California at Berkeley, where he was named the outstanding graduate of the class of 1967.

Boskin wrote his dissertation on the effects of welfare and other income-maintenance programmes on the size of the labour force, winning the National Tax Association's award for outstanding doctoral dissertation.

As for Democratic presiden-

tial candidate Michael Dukakis, the day after he unveiled an innovative student loan programme, Harvard economist Lawrence H. Summers was quoted in newspapers around the country explaining how it would work.

It wasn't a coincidence. Summers is there when the candidate needs an economic position paper or a quick assessment of what the latest unemployment figures mean.

And as the candidate's staff enters the final weeks of the campaign, Summers is one of a handful of policy experts called upon daily to help shape positions and strategy.

"When we hit an issue, we think who are the best people we

can turn to," said Robert J. Shapiro, deputy issues director for economics on the Dukakis campaign. "Certainly Larry is one of them."

Specialist

Summers is a macro-economic specialist who shares Dukakis' belief that government should play a larger role in encouraging investment, promoting business and aiding the middle class.

Like other liberal economists, Summers contends that the enormous national debt amassed in the last eight years makes the economic prosperity so touted by Republicans nothing more than a house of cards.

"There's a sense of unease," Summers said in a recent interview in his Harvard University office. "That sense, I think, is a more important thing than the feeling of prosperity people have at the moment. They're aware of the fragility of that prosperity and the fact that it is borrowed."

According to Summers, foreign acquisitions of US companies will triple this year over last; Median family income is around 1969 levels; government spending on the nation's infrastruc-

ture is one-fifth of 1960s levels; support for university research has dropped 95 percent since 1980; 38 million Americans are without health insurance; homelessness has tripled under President Reagan.

"As a nation we haven't looked to the future and we're in danger of not being ready when the future comes," he said.

Summers' parents, Anita and Robert, both are professors at the University of Pennsylvania. And two uncles, Paul Samuelson at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Kenneth Arrow at Stanford University, have won Nobel prizes.

Summers graduated from MIT at age 20 and earned his doctorate from Harvard in 1982, a year before joining the faculty at the age of 28.

Before going to Harvard, Summers spent 10 months on the staff of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, an experience he said left him disillusioned.

"There was less emphasis on helping everyone in the country rather than meeting the needs of the privileged few," he said.

World Business Summary

Jordan seeks financial help for dam project

AMMAN, Oct 10, (Reuters): Jordan hopes world agencies will finance more than half the cost of a long-delayed dam it plans to build on the border with Syria, Water and Irrigation Minister Ahmed Dhukigian said today. He told reporters Jordan wanted countries attending a conference in Amman on Al Wadih (Unity) Dam to lend up to \$260 million of the total cost of 440 million. The treasury would pay the rest. Financial, technical and construction experts from seven countries and six development and finance agencies including the World Bank and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) are attending the three-day meeting. "We will explain to our guests the nature of this water project and all related technical, economic and construction issues to allow them to decide how they could help us to finance its construction," Dhukigian said. The 100-metre (330-foot) high dam will be built in the northern area of Maqarin to store the waters of the Yarmouk River, a tributary of the Jordan River. Jordan, which expects water shortages in the 1990s, will use all its water for drinking or irrigation while Syria will get 75 per cent of any hydro-electric power, under an agreement signed between the two countries last September. Work to drill an 800-metre tunnel to divert water from the dam's construction site will start next month at an estimated cost of \$6.3 million, according to Mohammed Basu Hanafi, head of the Jordan Valley Authority.

A Jordanian official told Reuters he was confident the financing target would be met. "We have a respectable international credit reputation and many of the participants have expressed willingness to help."

US could face banking crisis without market reform

NEW YORK, Oct 10, (Reuters): The United States could face a banking crisis and stock collapse even worse than that of 1987 unless it makes fundamental reforms in its securities markets and tax system, a leading US investment banker said yesterday. Felix Rohatyn, a senior partner in the Lazard Freres investment banking firm, said in an article in Time magazine that the outward calm since last October's crash, when the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 508 points, was deceptive. "People are right to feel uneasy practically nothing has been done to prevent a recurrence of October, 1987," Rohatyn wrote. "We have yet to address the basic problems: excessive volatility, excessive speculation, excessive use of credit and inadequate regulation." Rohatyn said futures, options and trading of other "derivative" products should be regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and credit tightened to cut down on speculation. The investment banker also suggested taxes could be used to reduce volatility in the markets, proposing a 50 per cent tax on profits from the sale of securities held less than one year and up to perhaps 15 per cent on securities held for less than five years.

Libya calls for emergency OPEC meeting on falling prices

London, Oct 10, (Reuters): Libya has asked OPEC to call an emergency meeting to act to stop falling oil prices and restore stability to the world oil market, the Libyan news agency JANA said. JANA, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said late on Sunday Libya's call followed "consultations with some OPEC member countries." Oil prices are now at their lowest for some two years because of a glut, widely blamed on overproduction by some of the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The agency said Tripoli called for "the convening of an urgent extraordinary conference of the OPEC ministerial council as soon as possible in order to take the necessary measures to stop the fall in prices, restore stability to the oil market and to take prices up to levels which are fair to both consumer and producer." JANA did not say when Tripoli made the call for the emergency meeting, nor what reaction it had received. Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abu-Rahim Al Chalabi said on Sunday that OPEC was to hold its joint strategy and pricing committee meeting in Madrid next week to tackle the price problem. The Middle East benchmark Dubai was selling for \$9.3 a barrel in London on Friday, almost half its official OPEC price.

Egypt cuts crude prices

CAIRO, Oct 10, (Reuters): Egypt on Sunday cut its crude oil prices by \$1 a barrel for all blends to October 15, oil industry sources said. Egyptian oil prices have now lost more than \$3 a barrel in less than two months because of a glutted world market. Falling prices brought the prime Suez blend and Ras Bahar to \$11 a barrel. The heavier lower quality Balayim, Badra and Ras Charib grades were cut to \$10.15, 9 and \$8.70 a barrel respectively. Egypt, which usually fixes its oil prices twice a month, has not set prices since September 15. "We are still assessing the market," Egyptian General Petroleum Corp (EGPC) officials said. Egypt does not belong to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but has repeatedly reassured the 13-nation organisation it would continue to respect its self-imposed production ceiling of 870,000 barrels per day (BPD). Burdened by heavy repayments on a \$43 billion foreign debt, the price cut is drastic for a country relying on oil for most of its hard currency earnings.

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Neither Bush nor Dukakis has plan to reduce deficits

WASHINGTON, Oct 10, (AP): The US national deficit has risen to \$2.6 trillion, and the interest costs more than the federal pension system for the elderly.

But so far, the staggering debt has not emerged as a major issue in the presidential campaign, and some economists say neither Republican George Bush nor Democrat Michael Dukakis has come up with credible plans for dealing with it.

Bush's oft-repeated vow is, "I will not raise your taxes, period." In 1980, he derided future President Ronald Reagan's promise to balance the budget while cutting taxes and raising military spending as "voodoo economics." Now, Bush is following in Reagan's footsteps by promising more tax cuts and vowing to keep him off social security, the nation's pension system for the elderly and handicapped.

Flexible

The vice president has offered a "flexible freeze" on government spending except for social security and interest payments on the national debt. He would limit the overall growth of other government spending to the rate of inflation, with increases in

some areas offset by unspecified cuts elsewhere.

"It's a commitment to slow the growth of government spending to make even better progress in reducing the budget deficit than we have been doing and are projected to do," said Michael J. Boskin, an economics professor and senior Bush adviser.

To critics who question how Bush will achieve his goal while exempting social security, Boskin says, "it leaves most of the budget." He said Bush is committed to negotiating spending restraints with Congress, but "he doesn't think it's appropriate that he lay out a detailed fiscal 1990 budget during the presidential campaign."

Spending

Like Reagan, Bush espouses a balanced budget amendment and authority to end individual spending allocations without negotiating the entire budget proposal. Dukakis opposes both.

Dukakis says tax increases would be only "a last resort" but that "no serious candidate can rule out the possibility of new taxes." His first resort, he says, would be tougher tax enforcement.

Dukakis knows that fellow

Oil prices edge up on hopes of OPEC resolve

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): Oil prices reversed a recent sharp slide to edge slightly up today on hints that OPEC might yet act to restrain output and erase the prevailing glut.

Iraq indicated it might re-enter the organisation's system of output cuts. Saudi Arabia quashed rumours that it was contemplating leaving OPEC and also said that it would stop overproducing oil if other sellers also restrained their excess production.

Key OPEC ministers meet later this month on the crisis in the oil market which has developed because most organisation members are exceeding their assigned output quotas and Iraq has excluded itself altogether from OPEC agreements.

Prices tumbled to 26-month lows last week after reports that Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, had joined the free-for-all amid market rumours it might leave OPEC.

Stressed

But its oil minister, Hisham Nazer, stressed at the weekend that it had no intention of doing that and that it would abide by its quota again as soon as the other 12 members did the same.

Spot markets firms in reaction to his comments with typical North Sea Brent blend crude oil

trading at \$12.05 a barrel today. It went as low as \$11.40 last week.

Nazer's remarks appeared to confirm the view of many oil analysts, which is that the kingdom has turned up the taps as a tactic to force other OPEC members to obey organisation rules.

It apparently hopes they will be sufficiently "burned" by weak prices as to agree to stop their excess production.

The Nicasia-based Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), an authoritative industry newsletter, said today that Saudi Arabia planned to raise its output to between 5.7 and six million barrels daily in October. Its OPEC quota is 4.35 million.

Problem

MEES quoted "generally reliable industry sources."

But the newsletter also said the measure was intended to be "therapeutic" aimed at forcing a new OPEC production agreement.

Stressed

Besides quota violations by most OPEC sellers, Iraq, a founder member, refuses any organisation limit on its output at all.

It stayed out of production programming when it failed to get a quota as big as that of Iran during the Gulf war.

Analysts see this as the biggest problem facing OPEC.

Black Monday — one year on

Yuppie stockbrokers are humbled, the Porsches sold

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): From Wall Street to the city of London, the Yuppie stockbroker has been humbled, the Porsches returned, the Hollywood box office hits such as "Wall Street" and the glamour that surrounded London's "Big Bang" expansion of the stock market in October 1986.

Since Black Monday, the US securities industry has shed 15,000 jobs, the City of London an estimated 12,000; from Hong Kong to Sydney to Frankfurt many banks and brokers have trimmed back their operations and dismissed staff.

The West German sports car maker Porsche, for many a symbol of the generation of Yuppie traders, has seen sales fall. In the United States, post-crash gloom on the superstar market has been aggravated by the fall in the dollar against the mark.

But there are also voices that say the shake-out was long overdue, that investors had to be reminded that prices can fall, as well as rise, and that brokers had got too fat too quickly.

In London, the scramble to jump on the city bandwagon ahead of Big Bang — the liberal-

isation and reorganisation of securities trading — had created thousands of jobs, many of which were shed just one year later.

There were many people who entered the city who wouldn't have gotten into it now because they were not well enough qualified," said John Bowmer, chief executive of Jonathan Wren and Co. Ltd, a leading financial appointments agency.

Salaries in the London bond market have fallen by 10 to 15 per cent since last October, with the 20- to 30-year-old age group hit hardest.

But experienced share traders managed to hold on to their wage levels and some have even started to edge up.

A study by the Institute of Manpower Studies says new hiring in areas such as accountancy and management consultancy means the picture is not so bleak as suggested and as many as 37,000 jobs could be created by 1992 — the deadline by which internal barriers in the European Economic Community should

come down.

The study also warns of a further 1,500 jobs losses in the city's securities industry and a growing threat from newly emerging European centres unless work practices are reformed.

In London and in New York young traders, many tied down by huge loans on property or supercars they can no longer afford, say they are living on their nerves more than ever.

"There are more conflicts, everybody's grumbling. Everyone's worried about their jobs," said a Wall Street trader. "People are worried they are not going to have enough money to make payments."

In New York as well, where private investors have gone to ground and left the market almost entirely to professional traders, the fall-out has led to the disappearance of 15,000 jobs as the US securities industry's profits slumped.

Perrin Long, an analyst with Lipper Analytical Services, predicts the industry's pre-tax

Gold price slump worries Aussies

SYDNEY, Oct 10, (UPI): The continuing plunge in gold prices has started alarm bells ringing among Australian investors and gold miners.

While most analysts believe some gold stocks are an essential part of any long-term Australian share portfolio, they say the time has come to move funds out of gold.

The price of physical gold has fallen 25 per cent since the beginning of this year. Market capitalisation of the top 25 Australian gold producers has fallen 37 per cent. The value of units in three main gold funds has plummeted.

Stockbrokers and finance writers say 1,000 Australian dollars invested in gold stocks 12 months ago would now be worth between 294 and 392 Australian dollars.

Industry Council.

"A \$375 an ounce gold price, and its concomitant drop in production, would reduce the Australian mining industry revenue to \$1.5 billion," he said.

"The difference could come straight out of profits."

David Rees, research director

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International Bond Highlights

ONDON: The Halifax Building Society said it is issuing 100 million sterling subordinated bonds due Jan 17, 2014, yielding 135 basis points over the gross redemption yield of the 13-1/2 per cent treasury stock due 2004/08. (RTXG 1025)

PARIS: Province of Quebec has launched a 200 million Canadian dollar, 10-1/2 per cent bullet bond, due Nov 30, 1998 at 101.45 per cent, lead manager Societe Generale said. (RTZT 1511)

ONDON: The export Development Corp. of Canada is issuing a 100 million ECU Eurobond due Nov 9, 1992, paying 7-1/2 per cent and priced at 101-5/8 per cent, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (RTXG 1038)

AMSTERDAM: The World Bank issues a 300 million guilder, 6.25 per cent, 10-year non-callable bond at 101.00 per cent, lead manager Algemene Bank Nederland NV said. (RTZQ 1409)

ZURICH: The European Investment Bank is issuing a 200 million Swiss franc, 10-year, 4-3/4 per cent bond priced at 101 per cent, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTTB 1523)

TURIN: Eufima, the European agency for financing railway rolling stock, issued a 125 billion lire, eight-year floating rate note paying the six month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and priced at par, lead manager Istituto Bancario San Paolo Di Torino said. (RTZU 1515)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDM 11-5/8 3/8	11-15/16 13/16	11-15/16 13/16
FFT 4.75/85	4.90/95	5.10/20
PAR 7-1/4 3/8	7-9/16 11/16	7-3/4 7/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-3/4 1/4	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 5.60	7-1/8 3/16	7-1/4 5/16
RON 10-1/4 10-3/4	11-11-1/2	11-1/4 11-3/4
AMS 5.37/50	5.37/43	5.50/56
TKT 4.0000 0625	4.2500 3125	4.3750 4375
ECU 7.00 7.25	7.25 7.37	7.43 7.56

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct 10, (KUNA):	Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today:
Period	Bid Offered
1 month	6-1/8 6-7/16
3 months	6-3/8 6-11/16
6 months	6-7/16 6-3/4
1 year	6-3/8 6-3/18

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	72	72	71	MICO	655	665	670
260	264	257.50	GRASIN	112.50	114	115	NOCIL	825	855	820
IA PAINT 193.75	195	195	GSFC	54.50	56	55	NUKARD	107	110	108
JAI AUTO 343.75	342.50	352.50	NIND LEVER	83.50	85.50	82	PEICO	38	40	38
RAYON 330	325	325	NINDALCO	119	121	120	PFIZER	78	83	83
4.DYING 126.50	128	127.50	NINDCOOP	115.50	116.25	115	PRE.AUTO	45	45	44
BOND 119.50	120	122	NINOMOTOR	29.50	32	31.75	RAYMOND	61	60	62
INDEX 586.91	693.90	693.90	IND ORG	44	44	41	RELIANCE	198	198	203
KUTURSPG 1240	1250	1220	INDRAYON	79	81	80	SIEMENS	88	88	84.50
GATE 287.50	291.25	290	INDROL	265	270	260	SPIC	52.50	54	52
SPAKFERT 47	48	46-50	ITC	63	60	62	STD MILLS	370	360	370
HOTEL 52.50	55	52.50	JESYNT	84	90	86	TATA PAR	365	370	372
KATF 141.25	143.75	141.25	L AND T	145	147.50	143	TATACHEM	97.50	99	100.50
SAR 23	25	24.50	MAHINDRA	102	102.50	98	TELCO	757.50	765	752.50
R. POLY 92	94	91	MASTERSH	13.50	15.05	14.50	TISCO	960	972.50	960
SHIP 38	41	40	MATHER PL	97.50	90	115	VOLTA	440	450	460

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1130	1090	MITSUB EST	970	950	950
ALI INOMOTO	2920	2850	MITSUB EST	2340	2380		MITSUB HVT	975	999	
AKAI ELEC	555	551	MITSUB CO	878	880		MITSUB KOSHIO	1810	1800	
AKOI GLS	931	915	MITSUBI EL	915	930		MITSUBI HVT	1110	1150	
ASAHI OPT	610	600	MITSUBI EL	915	930		MITSUBI HVT	1110	1150	
BANK TOKYO	1530	1550	MITSUBI HVT	1110	1150		MITSUBI HVT	1110	1150	
BRIDGESTON	1220	1240	MINION CHNT	834	812		MINION CHNT	834	812	
CAMON	1350	1310	MINION SEC	1610	1650		MINION SEC	1610	1650	
CASIO COMP	1330	1340	MIT ELEC	1890	1840		MIT ELEC	1890	1840	
CHUGAI PHM	1510	1490	MIT KOKKAN	767	769		MIT KOKKAN	767	769	
CITIZEN W	811	815	MIT OIL	1130	1120		MIT OIL	1130	1120	
D-1-CHI KAN	2880	2900	MIT STEEL	766	761		MIT STEEL	766	761	
DAI NIP IK	835	835	MIT YUSEN	758	745		MIT YUSEN	758	745	
DAI NIP PT	2680	2670	NIS MOTOR	1230	1210		NIS MOTOR	1230	1210	
DAI NIP SC	902	902	NOMURA SEC	3200	3210		NOMURA SEC	3200	3210	
DAI NIP TO	620	595	OBRA CO	850	860		OBRA CO	850	860	
DAICEL	760	763	OLYMPUS	1060	1070		OLYMPUS	1060	1070	
DAIKIN	1900	1900	PENTAX OCH	925	872		PENTAX OCH	925	872	
DAIMI SEC	2060	2110	PIONEER	3220	3110		PIONEER	3220	3110	
EBRA MFG	849	850	REINJUN	880	894		REINJUN	880	894	
EISAI	1830	1820	RICON	1130	1120		RICON	1130	1120	
FUJII BANK	1550	1520	SANKYO	1940	1920		SANKYO	1940	1920	
FUJI PHOTO	3200	3100	SANYO ELEC	675	672		SANYO ELEC	675	672	
FUJISAMA	1690	1700	SEIYU ST	1700	1660		SEIYU ST	1700	1660	
FUJITZU CP	735	720	SHARP	1020	1020		SHARP	1020	1020	
HITACHI	1550	1540	SHISEIDO	1530	1530		SHISEIDO	1530	1530	
HONDA MOT	2010	1970	SONY	6240	6020		SONY	6240	6020	
ISETAN	2080	2060	SUNITOMO	1060	1050		SUNITOMO	1060	1050	
ITO YOKADO	3650	3680	TAISEI	1030	975		TAISEI	1030	975	
JAP SYN RU	995	990	TAISHO MHN	1080	1100		TAISHO MHN	1080	1100	
JAPAN AIR	13700	13600	TAKEDA CO	2480	2450		TAKEDA CO	2480	2450	
JAPAN MET	594	592	TEIJIN	750	751		TEIJIN	750	751	
KAITAMA	1500	1510	TKO NEW IX	101	105		TKO NEW IX	101	105	
KAMAI EL	3300	3240	TOKIO MHN	1860	1880		TOKIO MHN	1860	1880	
KAO SONP	1610	1620	TOKYO ELEC	1030	1020		TOKYO ELEC	1030	1020	
KAMASAKI H	700	673	TOKYO GAS	1360	1350		TOKYO GAS	1360	1350	
KAMASAKI S	889	880	TOKYO POAR	6130	6070		TOKYO POAR	6130	6070	
KIRIN BREW	1770	1750	TOKYU IND	817	810		TOKYU IND	817	810	
KONAMU	800	780	TOSHIBA EL	1050	1000		TOSHIBA EL	1050	1000	
KUBATO LTD	808	802	TOYO KOGO	680	665		TOYO KOGO	680	665	
KYOCERA	500									

New commercial confidence emerges in the Gulf

Bahrain hopes stock exchange will be Gulf's Wall Street

MANAMA, Bahrain, Oct 10, (AP): Bahrain is to have its first stock exchange by the end of the year and officials hope it will become the Wall Street of the oil-rich Gulf region.

Initially, 28 Bahraini companies will be listed for trading, with an aggregate capital of about \$1.8 billion.

Efforts are under way to attract business from neighbouring Arab countries as a new commercial confidence in the Gulf emerges in the region with the ceasefire in the 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

The first stage will be limited to regulating and channeling existing minimal share dealings, mainly person-to-person, in Bahrain.

Reserves

Officials said the regulations are still being formulated. But they noted that the financial records of all companies will be scrutinised and the exchange's board of directors will regularly review ceilings for share

movements.

Despite the low-key beginning, businessmen believe it won't be long before the small chamber at the end of Manama's main banking street flourishes into a bustling bourse in a region that sits on one-third of the world's oil reserves.

There is no fixed timetable for developing the exchange, which officials hope will become the financial nerve centre of the region. But Bahraini, Gulf and international listings will be added over the next 5-10 years.

The man tipped to be its director-general is banking on a faster pace.

Deal

"Ten years is a long time ... we hope to have that status before then. Hopefully we can be recognised internationally before long," said Fawzi Bettar, adviser to the 9-member board.

He holds a doctorate from the International University of San Diego, California, acquired in 1984 for a thesis entitled

"prototype for the Bahrain stock market."

Although it is not yet clear what scale of Gulf investment there will be in the new exchange, Bahraini financier Ali Saleh noted: "I'll deal on the Bahrain market. I believe the Gulf is a prime region for investors — no taxes, no exchange problems."

Bettar noted that the British government's order to Kuwait to reduce its holdings in the British Petroleum Co. was a timely reminder to Gulf investors to look to their own region rather than abroad.

The scope for investment abroad is subject to the laws of those countries ... crises and annoyances on world market are no doubt positive elements in enhancing chances of capital rushing back to the domestic market," he commented.

Gulf states have invested billions of petrodollars harvested from the 1970s oil boom abroad. Strapped by the collapse of oil prices, Gulf governments

want national stock exchanges and eventually a regional capital market to attract back billions of dollars held overseas by the private sector.

Six years ago, Kuwait's unofficial Souk Al Manakh stock market crashed under the weight of \$94 billion of post-dated "paper cheques". Many investors were badly hurt.

Bahrain's stock market moves reflect the way that confidence has recovered since then.

Bahrain, with dozens of offshore banks and financial institutions, and traditionally the region's service centre, sees itself as the natural financial heart of the Gulf.

Flotations

Kuwait, recovering from Al Manakh, is fast developing its infant official exchange. Oman plans a small market this year, and the UAE says its turn will come soon.

Saudi Arabia is cautiously fostering a dealings centre and encouraging public flotations by

major firms.

Bahrain is linked to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates through the Gulf Co-operation Council, an economic and defence alliance.

Economist Henry Azzam, vice-president of the Gulf International Bank, has estimated that there is some \$150 billion of Gulf money invested abroad against \$50 billion in the GCC.

The Gulf Investment Authority, owned by the GCC governments, said in a recent study that "a collective GCC stock market will polarise \$30 billion in GCC petrodollars estimated to have been invested abroad."

Downturn

Abdulnabi Al Shorafa, a leading businessman and member of the board of Bahrain's Chamber of Commerce, said the Kuwait crash was part of a "chain reaction" to the recession that has gripped the region since the Iran-Iraq war broke out in September 1980.

"Every (GCC) government has been talking about a larger role for the private sector. If they want the savings in private hands, they have to open channels for them," said Azzam.

Investcorp announces \$366m sale of Mueller Co.

INVESTCORP announced yesterday that it has arranged the sale of Mueller Co., one of the leading manufacturers and distributors of valves, hydrants, pumps and fittings for water and natural gas distribution systems in the US and Canada.

"The partnership between Grinnell and Mueller will be a major advantage for both companies," said L. Dennis Kozlowski, president of Grinnell Corp. "Mueller's excellent network of 375 independent distributors fits perfectly with our philosophy of selling our products through wholesalers."

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Dollar weakens

Stock market surge runs out of steam

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): Early advances in many stock markets, encouraged by Friday's 42-point rise on Wall Street, ran out of steam in later business today because a lack of direction from Tokyo and New York.

Gold and oil prices strengthened. The dollar weakened against the yen in currency markets which were, however, subdued by the US Columbus Day and Japan's Sports Day holidays.

Wall Street stocks were mixed at midday with the Dow Jones industrial average up two points to 2,152 in light trading.

Shearson Lehman Hutton analyst Newton Zinder said US stocks were marking time with Tokyo closed and banks and the bond market also closed in the United States.

High

Paris was quiet except for a 54-franc (\$8.57) surge to 644 francs (\$102) in the value of shares in French construction group Bouygues following reports that elderly founder Francis Bouygues was stepping down as chairman of private television channel TF1.

The London stock market tracked Wall Street for most of the afternoon, reflecting the trend in many stock markets worldwide.

The FTSE index of 100 blue-chip shares closed at 1,844.1, down 6.6 from Friday's close.

The dollar lost ground against the yen in European markets as the Japanese currency strengthened in what some dealers said

was a delayed reaction to earlier oil price weakness.

The dollar closed at 132.20 yen and 1.8540 West German marks compared with 133.25 and 1.8611 on Friday.

Gold bullion was fixed at \$406.75 an ounce — the highest level for more than two weeks — in London today afternoon, up from the previous close of 403.25.

Dealers said early weakness in the dollar, supported by higher oil prices, helped to take gold to a peak of \$408.00 early in the afternoon.

European oil markets edged up following a weekend statement by Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer that his country would stick to its OPEC output quota if other OPEC members did the same. He said there was no question of Saudi Arabia leaving OPEC.

British North Sea Brent crude oil closed at \$12.05 a barrel for December, up 25 cents from Friday's close in New York.

In London, shares were steady in firm in late afternoon business, tracking the movements of a mostly higher Wall Street, dealers said.

By 1441 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was standing 3.7 points up at 1,848.4, after only briefly breaking through the 1,850 upside resistance level this morning. The FTSE 100 touched its high on the day of 1,852.2 at 0917 GMT.

Many of the recent speculative gainers lost ground today as par-

ticipants awaited further developments. Lonrho was off 5p to 326 on volume of 5.3 million shares this afternoon while Lasmo fell 7p to 524. Consolidated Gold Fields was 14p lower at 1,289.

Dealers said Cons Gold fell today to reflect talk Minorco's bid could be referred to the Monopolies Commission. There was such speculation even before Cons Gold last week said it was asking the UK office of fair trading of such a referral.

A referral would automatically halt the £2.05 billion hostile bid from the South African controlled Minorco Group.

Analysts said Lasmo's fall today was partly because of fading belief that a bid for the company is imminent. Dealers questioned whether RTZ would have placed its 28 per cent stake with institutions last week if a bid for Lasmo was on the cards soon. Enterprise, in which Lasmo has a 25 per cent stake, lost 5p to 616.

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Electronics group Ferranti topped the actives list with a volume of 10.4 million shares but

remained steady at 96.12p.

Analysts said Ferranti has underperformed for some years but is attracting buyers on talk it might win an operating licence for the UK Digital Cordless Telephone network and a consortium contract to supply radar for the European fighter aircraft.

Investors

One analyst said investors who had been holding Ferranti shares while they underperformed now appeared to be selling them to investors who are speculating on an improved showing.

He predicted that underlying domestic and overseas demand for Ferranti could push its shares higher in the near future once the sellers have unwound their positions.

Sears also featured in the actives list with a 3p fall to 134 on turnover of nearly five million shares just ahead of the 1600 GMT closing. Dealers said the shares fell after press comment cast doubt on rumours that a bid for Sears would materialise.

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British Aerospace shares declined 3p to 484, even though the company today announced it has won a five-year £100 million maintenance contract with the US Air Force.

Higher

DRG was 1p higher at 507, in a firm paper and packaging sector, after a report in the Sunday Times newspaper that businessman Sir James Goldsmith may be putting together a bid for the company, dealers said. DRG is currently capitalised at around £543 million. Elsewhere, Bowater added 5p to 419.

Mixed oil stocks saw BP down a penny to 239.1/2 after Kuwait said today it would protect its UK economic interests following the British government's ruling that it should cut its stake in BP to 9.9 per cent from 21.6 per cent.

Gains in the crude oil price today helped some of the oil majors with Shell rising 5p to 975.

Some of the leading international shares were held back by the strength of sterling after comments from UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson about interest rates.

He said on Sunday that rates would stay at their present level as long as required to curb inflation and they may even be raised if sterling comes under attack.

Gazio closed unchanged at 1,104 as did ICI at 1,037. RTZ was down 9p to 435, although Allied Lyons rose 8p to 471 on continuing speculative demand.

The FTSE 100 share index closed down 0.6 point at 1,844.1.

Signs of US farm strategy cause international stir

WASHINGTON, Oct 10, (Reuters):

Chief US agricultural negotiator Daniel Amstutz has aroused speculation in agriculture ministers around the world that Washington may have subtly shifted its strategy on farm trade reform.

But it is unclear whether this will be enough to break an impasse between the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC), the world's two largest agricultural traders, over how to deal with the problem of farm subsidies.

US trade partners detected the shift in Yeutter's comments last week agreeing with a proposal from a group of self-proclaimed free trading nations.

Plan

Yeutter told trade ministers meeting in Pakistan that a plan by the 14-nation "Cairns Group", which calls for an immediate freeze on farm subsidies followed by a 10-year plan for farm-reform talks.

"It's perfectly clear that the US tactic is the right one," said a Washington diplomatic source close to the EEC.

The United States and the EEC are spearheading efforts to reduce world farm subsidies, which have stretched government budgets and strained US-EEC relations.

But Washington wants to eliminate all subsidies, while the 12-nation community wants only a partial reduction.

The significance of Yeutter's comments will be tested in Geneva this week, when negotiators meet to discuss farm trade under the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade.

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Officials say he will not offer a new proposal in Geneva, but will entertain detailed discussion on US policy.

However, Belgian trade and agriculture official Paul de Keersmaecker said in Washington that if EEC short-term goals for world market stabilisation were met, the EEC would have "to play the game," and search for compromise on long-term issues.

The US might be willing to entertain an agreement in Montreal that would encompass short-term commitments in the context of a firm agreement to negotiate a solid long-term solution," said Yeutter spokesman Roger Bolton.

Agreement

Observers of the GATT round say the Montreal meeting is likely to end with some expression of agreement on farm trade reform, but how far the two sides will compromise is uncertain.

The most likely scenario, they say, is agreement on short-term measures similar to those already planned with everyone being vague about the long-term.

"My best guess is we are going to see some form ... of an acceptance that we're going to do something, but there won't be a concrete solution," said Harold Von Witzke, a former West German agriculture official well-connected with EEC and US GATT negotiators.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE tenders summarized below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees shown thereon. Unless otherwise stated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. 22/88/88

Tender No. 252/88

Concerned party: Municipality of Kuwait

Requirements: supply of different sizes of batteries.

Relevant fee: KD20.

Initial guarantee: 2 per cent of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 22.11.88

This tender is open for contractors classified in 2nd. & 3rd categories of air-conditioning works.

Tender No. 4-88/88

Tender's internal No. 195/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Awqaf & Islamic Affairs

Requirements: Supply & installation of

Dear Junior Readers,

One thing I never seem to get enough of in Kuwait is sleep. One reason why I moved out of my old flat was that my nights were disturbed by noisy air-conditioning and even noisier neighbours! How wonderful it was to move into my new place in a quiet building with central air-conditioning.

Little did I know what I would have to put up with when the school holiday finished. Now, instead of being woken by the sweet twittering of birds, I am shocked out of sleep by the sound of car and bus horns beeping, honking and wailing at some terribly early hours. I understand that people have to get off to school and work, but I am sure it is not really necessary to make such a song and dance about it! Don't these drivers ever think about the people who work late in the evening and certainly do not feel very happy about being startled awake at 5.45 am? The drivers seem to think that because they are awake, everyone else should be too. I think that their passengers could also be a little more thoughtful by being ready when their transport arrives and either be waiting in the street or watching from the window so that they can get out before the drivers need to start this awful 'dawn chorus'.

So, if you are one of those who keeps you school bus waiting, get a move on in the morning and spare a thought for others.

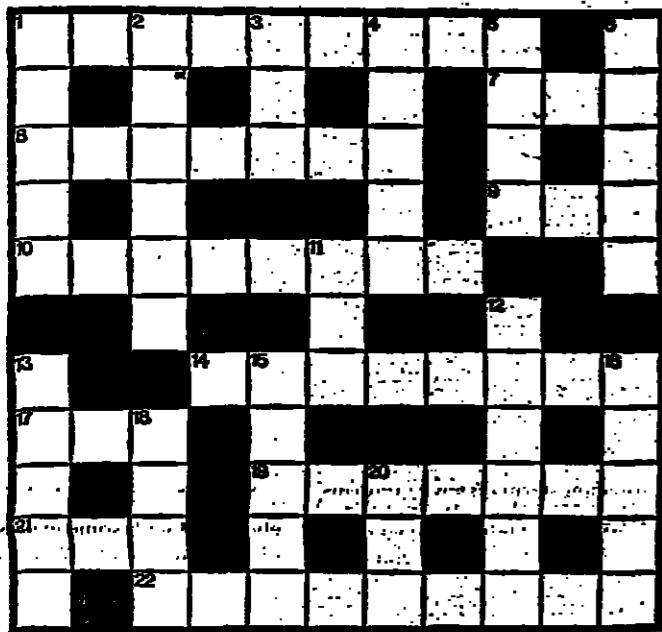
Auntie Jayne.

Happy birthday



Brother and sister Amin and Yasmin Ghulam Aly both celebrate birthdays this week. Love and best wishes to you both from Dad and Mom.

CROSSWORD



Across

- First application of paint (9)
- Division of geological time (3)
- Remove all traces of dirt (7)
- In addition (3)
- It increases the size of photographs (8)
- Hold back from publication (8)
- Item of head-wear (3)
- Naval escort vessel (7)
- Hostelry for travellers (3)
- Beseeched earnestly (9)

Down

- Brother of a father or mother (5)
- Takes permanent residence (6)
- Went quickly on foot (3)
- Grossly over-weight (5)
- Subject to a trial (4)
- Light boat which is paddled (5)
- Space between two objects (3)
- Food prepared for the table (8)
- Piece of furniture for sitting (5)
- Not in suitable condition (5)
- High-spirited horse (5)
- Inflection of voice (4)
- Frozen water (3)

Solution on Thursday



KEN: You remind me of a...
DAD: Why?
KEN: You run around, but never get anywhere.

Why are you standing in a...
owl of water?
Because I'm taking...
iblets, and it says to take...
tem three times a day in...
water?"

What word allows you to take away two letters and et one?

How can you shorten a...
ed?
don't sleep long in it.

By Mollie Clarke

ONCE upon a time there was a very rich man who had a beautiful daughter. But the beautiful daughter could neither speak nor laugh.

The best doctors in all the land came to see the girl and they said, "This girl cannot speak because she cannot laugh. If someone can make her laugh then she will be able to speak!"

The rich man said, "If any man can make my daughter laugh, I shall give him a bag of silver and a bag of gold."

After that, a hundred men had tried to make the rich man's daughter laugh, but not one of them had been able to do so.

Now in this land, there was a common and on the edge of the common was a little house and in the little house lived a poor woman and her son.

All day long the poor woman sat spinning but her son did nothing at all.

In the summer he sat in the sunshine doing nothing at all and in the winter he sat by the fire doing nothing at all.

Everyone called him Silly Simon.

At last the poor woman could stand it no longer. She said, "It is time you did some work. Away with you across the common and see if you can find something to do."

The next morning, Silly Simon set off across the common and very soon he met a farmer.

The farmer said, "I need a boy like you to herd the sheep. I shall give you a...

penny."

So Silly Simon drove the farmer's sheep and at the end of the day the farmer gave him a bright, new penny.

Silly Simon held the penny in his hand and ran along home.

Silly Simon came to a stream and in the stream he saw silver fish and gold fish, but when he tried to catch a fish, his bright new penny slipped out of his hand and rolled into the stream.

When he got home, he told his mother what had happened.

"You stupid boy!" said his mother. "That is not the way to carry a penny. The way to carry a penny is to put it in your pocket and run along home. Now remember that!"

"Yes, I shall remember that," said Silly Simon.

On the second day, Silly Simon set off across the common and very soon he met a man with six cows.

The man said, "I need a boy like you to milk my cows. If you will milk my cows, I shall give you a jug of new milk." So Silly Simon milked the cows at the end of the day the farmer gave him a jug of new milk.

Silly Simon said to himself, "Now what did my mother tell me? She said I was to put it in my pocket and run along home."

So he put the jug of milk in his pocket and he ran along home.

But when he got home his mother took the jug out of his pocket and there was not a drop of milk inside it.

"You stupid boy!" said his

Silly Simon



mother. "That is not the way to carry a jug of milk. The way to carry a jug of milk is to hold it on your head and walk slowly home. Now remember that!"

"Yes, I shall remember that," said Silly Simon.

On the third day, Silly Simon set off across the common and very soon he met the farmer's wife.

The farmer's wife said, "I need a boy like you to feed my hens. If you will feed my hens, I shall give you a fresh cream cheese."

So Silly Simon fed the hens and at the end of the day the farmer's wife gave him a fresh cream cheese. Silly Simon said to himself, "Now what did my mother tell me? She said I was to carry it on my head and walk slowly home."

So he put the fresh cream cheese on his head and walked home slowly in the sunshine.

But the cream cheese melted away in the hot sunshine and when his mother saw him, she said, "You stupid boy! That is not the way to carry a fresh cream cheese. The way to carry a fresh cream cheese is to hold it carefully in your hands and run along home. Now remember that!"

"Yes, I shall remember that," said Silly Simon.

On the fourth day, Silly Simon set off across the common and very soon he met a woodcutter.

The woodcutter said, "I need a boy like you to tie up my sticks. If you will tie up my sticks, I shall give you a log of wood."

So Silly Simon tied up the sticks and at the end of the day, the woodcutter gave him a log of wood.

When his mother saw the log of wood she said,

"That is the way to carry bags of silver and gold. I always knew you were the cleverest boy in all the world."

"Yes, I shall remember that," said Silly Simon.

On the sixth day, Silly Simon set off across the common and very soon he met a man with four donkeys.

So he held the log in his hands and tried to run home, but the log was too heavy and he had to leave it at the side of the road.

When his mother heard about this, she said, "You stupid boy! That is not the way to carry a log of wood. The way to carry a log of wood is to tie it up with rope and pull it along home. Now remember that!"

"Yes, I shall remember that," said Silly Simon.

On the fifth day, Silly Simon set off across the common and very soon he met a butcher.

The butcher said, "I need a boy like you to sweep my floor. If you will sweep my floor, I shall give you a leg of mutton."

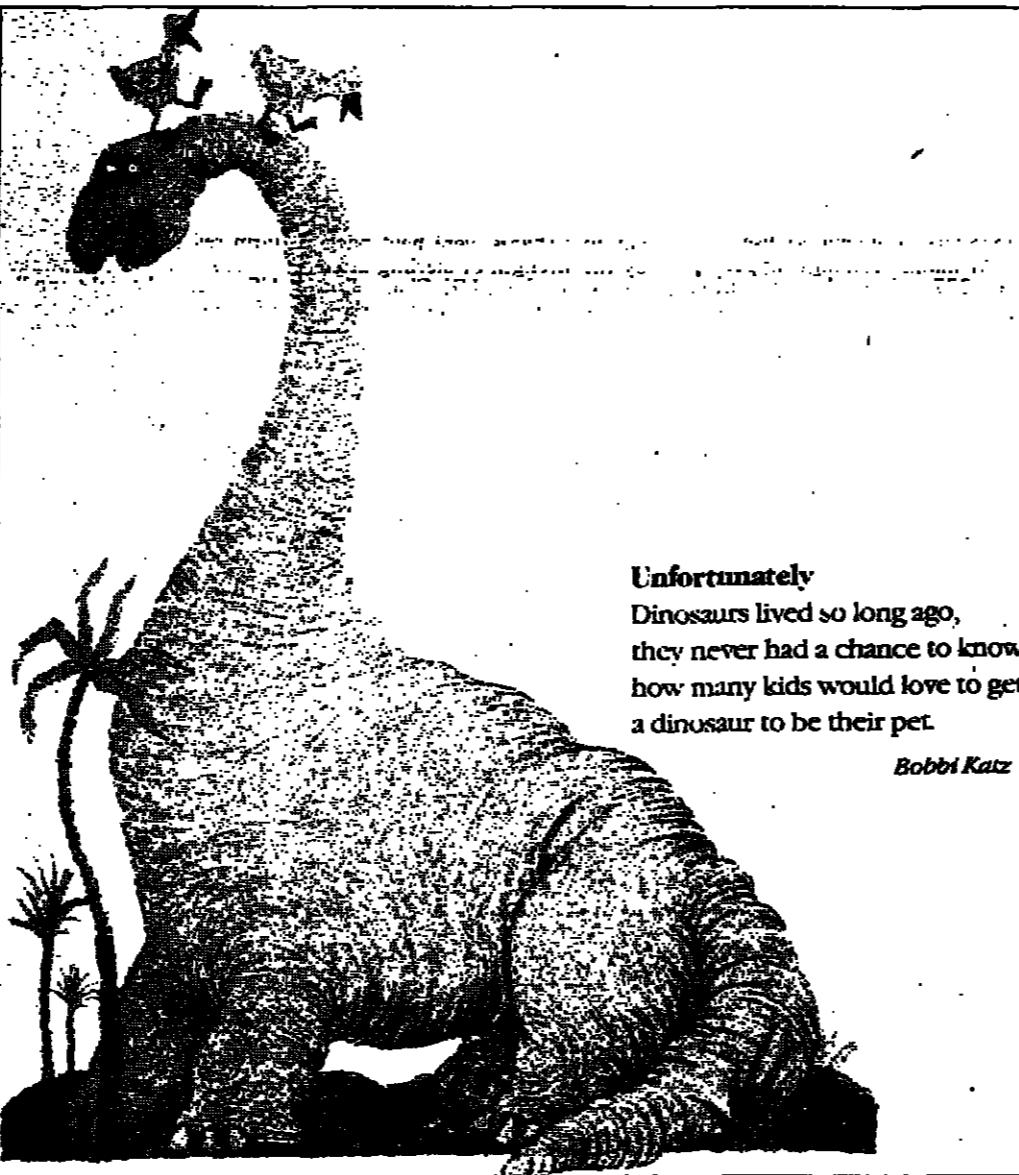
So Silly Simon swept the floor and at the end of the day, the butcher gave him a leg of mutton. Silly Simon said to himself, "Now what did my mother tell me? She said I was to tie it on to my shoulder and come along home."

So he tied the leg of mutton with rope, put it on the ground and pulled it along home.

Now when his mother saw the leg of mutton all covered with dirt and dust, she said, "I do believe you are the stupidest boy in all the world. That is not the way to carry a leg of mutton. The way to carry a leg of mutton is to lift it on to your shoulder and come along home. Now remember that!"

When his mother saw the silver and gold she said,

"That is the way to carry bags of silver and gold. I always knew you were the cleverest boy in all the world."

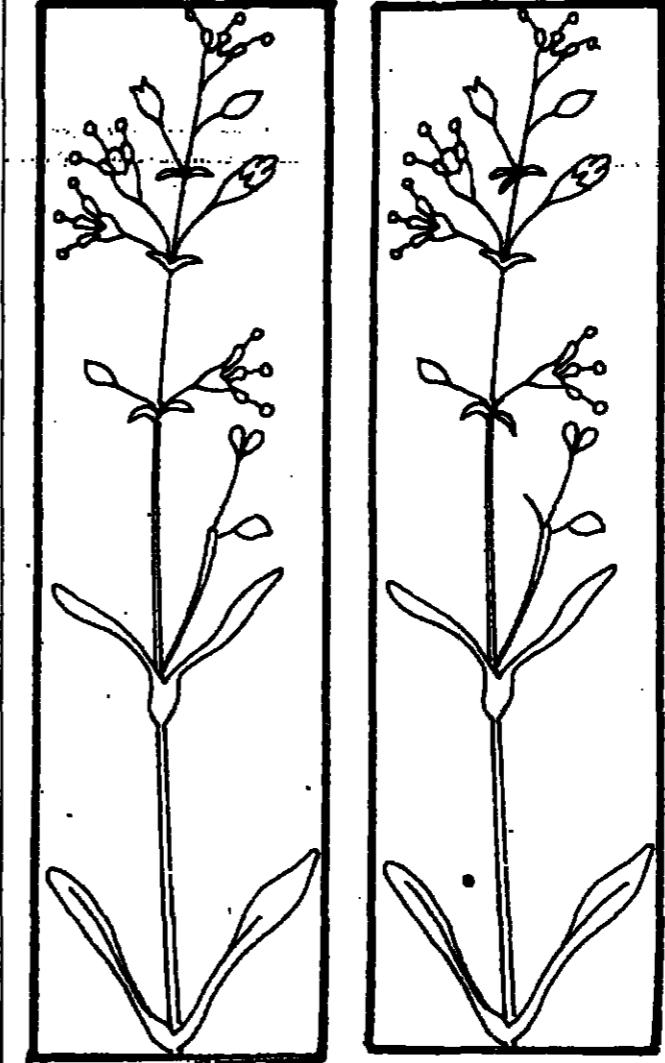


Unfortunately

Dinosaurs lived so long ago, they never had a chance to know how many kids would love to get a dinosaur to be their pet.

Bobbi Katz

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Seek annulment of marriage, Tyson advised

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, (UPI): Boxer Mike Tyson's advisers suggested he seek an annulment of his marriage, sparing him a cash settlement, on grounds Robin Givens may have deceived him into wedlock with a phony pregnancy, the Daily News reported today.

The News quoted friends of Tyson as saying that three weeks before the wedding, Givens' mother told his manager her daughter was 3-1/2 months pregnant.

An annulment could avoid the prospect of a monetary settlement with Givens, who filed for divorce in California where community property laws divide couples' assets 50-50, the News said.

Lawyer Howard Weitzman met Tyson in Cleveland this weekend to plan moving the divorce case to New York and countersuing Givens, who gave conflicting stories about miscarriages when she never became visibly pregnant, the report said.

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Ekblom and Waitz triumph in marathon

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 10, (AP): Tommy Ekblom of Finland broke away from the leaders with three kilometres left and easily won the men's 30-kilometre Lidingoloppet cross-country race yesterday.

Ekblom, the defending champion, had a winning time of 1 hour, 37 minutes and 26 seconds. Jari Gaute Aase of Norway finished 26 seconds behind. Third went to Nada Sakkai of Tanzania in 1:38:31.

Grete Waitz of Norway, the all-time great in women's marathoning, captured the women's 15 kilometres in 53:28 after leading from the start. It was the 35-year-old veteran's 12th victory in the annual race and her eighth fastest time here. She set the meet record of 51:03 in 1980.

"I ran a little bit conservative today," Waitz said. "I only wanted to win the race. I never thought about the time."

Waitz, who also won the Stockholm marathon last June, was competing for the first time since the Seoul Olympics. She was forced to withdraw from the Olympic marathon because of a knee injury.

Waitz, who will not run any more marathons this year, won the Lidingoloppet. Her straight times 1976-1986. She didn't compete in last year's race, won by fellow Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen.

OILERS SLIP PAST TOUGH CHIEFS

Esiason helps Bengals remain unbeaten

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, (AP): Boomer Esiason's three first-half touchdown passes allowed the Cincinnati Bengals to remain the National Football League's only unbeaten team yesterday with a 36-19 win over the New York Jets.

The Bengals are 6-0, matching the best start in the team's history.

Esiason, the League's top-rated passer, burned the New York Jets with touchdown pass plays of 60 and eight yards to Eddie Brown and 38 yards to Tim McGee to help the Bengals overcome a safety and fumbles that led to an early 9-0 lead by the Jets.

Cincinnati also got a pair of second-half touchdown runs from Ickey Woods, who carried 30 times for 139 yards — the first 100-yard game of the rookie's career.

In other games, it was Chicago 24, Detroit 7; Buffalo 34, Indianapolis 23; Houston 7, Kansas City 6; the Los Angeles Rams 33, Atlanta 0; Green Bay 45, New England 3; Seattle 16, Cleveland 10; Minnesota 14, Tampa Bay 13; Washington 35, Dallas 17; Phoenix 31, Pittsburgh 14; Miami 24, the Los Angeles Raiders 14; New Orleans 23, San Diego 17, and Denver 16, San Francisco 13 in overtime.

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Disgraced sprinter knowingly took steroids, says teammate

Stop lying, Issajenko tells Johnson

TORONTO, Oct. 10, (UPI): A teammate of disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson alleged in a report published yesterday she and Johnson knowingly took steroids given to them by Johnson's physician, and she urged the track star to "stop lying."

In an interview published in the Sunday Toronto Star, Angela Issajenko, a sprinter with Johnson's Mazda Optimists Track Club, said Dr Jamie Astaphan had supplied steroids to athletes with the knowledge of coach Charlie Francis.

"I just don't care any more. I'm fed up with all the bull," Issajenko said. "Ben takes steroids. I take steroids. Jamie (Astaphan) gives them to us, and

This evening, the New York Giants were to be at Philadelphia.

Packers 45, Patriots 3

In Milwaukee, Brent Fullwood rushed for three second-half touchdowns and Green Bay intercepted five passes in its first victory of the season.

Green Bay 1-5, scored two touchdowns in the final five minutes of the second quarter for a 17-3 halftime lead.

Bears 24, Lions 7

Jim McMahon completed eight of 11 passes for 78 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown to Dennis McKinnon, before leaving the game with a slight concussion as Chicago defeated Detroit in Pontiac, Michigan.

The Bears, 5-1, remained in first place in the National Football Conference Central Division, while the Lions, 1-5, lost quarterback Chuck Long with a sprained knee.

Bills 34, Colts 23

Jim Kelly's three touchdown passes, including two to Andre Reed, helped the Bills rebound from a 17-point deficit to defeat Indianapolis at Buffalo.

The Bills improved their record to 5-1 and remained atop the American Football Conference East, while the Colts, last year's division champion, dropped to 1-5.



Vikings' tight end Steve Jordan (right) is tackled after receiving a pass from Tommy Kramer. Watching the play is Buccaneers' Eugene Marve. (Reuter wirephoto)

Oilers 7, Chiefs 6

Backup quarterback Brent Pease threw early pass interceptions, but ran four yards for a touchdown and Tom Zendes kicked the extra point in the third quarter to give Houston the victory over Kansas City.

Rams 33, Falcons 0

Jim Everett passed for 234 yards and three touchdowns and Greg Bell ran for 155 yards and

scored once for Los Angeles.

The Rams scored on five or six first-half possessions, failing only when Everett had a pass intercepted at the goal line.

Seahawks 16, Browns 10

Curt Warner ran for 96 yards and one touchdown and Norm Johnson kicked three field goals for Seattle. Cleveland lost Mike Page, its third starting quarterback this season, with a separated shoulder.

Dolphins 24, Raiders 14

Lifford Hobley returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown. Miami's second score in an 11-second span of the second quarter, and the Dolphins went on to defeat error-prone Los Angeles.

Redskins 35, Cowboys 17

Mark Rypien threw three touchdown passes and ran for another to rally Washington over Dallas. Kelvin Bryant caught two scoring passes, ran for a touchdown and pushed for 118 yards as the defending Super Bowl champions evened their record at 3-3. Dallas is 2-4.

Vikings 14, Buccaneers 13

Anthony Carter caught seven passes for 82 yards, scored one touchdown and set up another as Minnesota, 4-2, rallied to edge underdog Tampa Bay, 2-4.

Carter's driving 11-yard reception preceded Allen Rice's 1-yard scoring run with 2:49 left in the third quarter, putting the Vikings ahead 14-10.

Oakland beat Boston to take AL series

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 10, (Reuters): The Oakland Athletics limited the Boston Red Sox to four hits in their 4-1 victory yesterday to win the American League championship series in a record four consecutive games and gain entry to the World Series.

Relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a former 20-game winner for the Red Sox, pitched the ninth inning and earned a record fourth save in the series, for which he was named the Most Valuable Player.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Jose Canseco, his third of the series. The A's made it 2-0 in the third inning on two singles followed by a double by Dave Henderson, also a former Red Sox player.

Boston scratched out a run in the sixth inning on just one single sandwiched around a walk, a sacrifice fly.

Oakland got two insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth inning on three singles, a walk and a sacrifice fly.

Shutout

Oakland's starting pitcher, Dave Stewart, was taken out in the eighth inning on after Boston's Ellis Burks singled. But Rick Honeycutt shut down the Sox for the rest of the eighth inning and Eckersley shut the door in the ninth.

"I didn't think the Red Sox had a chance today, there was too much against them," said Stewart who was 21-12 on the regular season. "I wanted to show the country what I could do."

"It's the best I've felt in my life," said Eckersley, who pitched seven years for Boston, winning 20 games in 1978. "I didn't have a lot today, I'm glad we had a three-run lead. I feel sorry for the Red Sox. I still have a home there and I left a lot of my heart there."

Oakland will play the winner of the National League series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets scheduled to begin next Saturday at the home park of the National League winner.

Dodgers outlast Mets

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Kirk Gibson's 12th-inning home run lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets early today to tie the National League championship series at two games apiece.

Gibson, who had one hit in 16 at bats in the series before his former New York reliever Roger McDowell, powered his blast 400 feet over the right-field fence.

Issajenko acknowledged her statements would likely end her own career.

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receiving steroids from Astaphan between 1984 and 1986, but he later was stripped of the record and the Olympic gold when traces of the banned anabolic steroid stanazolol were found in his urine.

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